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RUSSIAN DANCER VICTIM OF SHOOTING DRAMA.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR
IN SHANGHAI.

HORRIFIED SPECTATORS
HELPLESS.

FORMER LOVER'S ACT.

Shanghai, Oct. 21.
A "crime passionnel" enacted in full view of a number of horror-stricken and helpless spectators last evening has created a tremendous sensation in Shanghai. The victim of the affair was a pretty Russian girl, a ballet dancer, who received four bullet wounds in the legs, and the assailant was her former sweetheart, who surrendered himself to the police after the shooting.

The grim drama took place in a garden in front of No. 632, Avenue Joffre. Spectators were attracted to the scene by the sounds of shooting. They were prevented from interfering by the man, who held a second revolver in his hand, and waved it threateningly while deliberately firing further shots at the prone body of the unfortunate girl.

Only Nineteen.

It was later revealed that the victim of the attack was Miss Nadejda Nicolaevna Astrova, who is only nineteen years of age, and who was formerly employed at the Candrome as a ballet dancer.

The man was a Georgian Russian named Shaliko Badridze, employed as a bodyguard by a wealthy Chinese, and who appears to have premeditated the shooting in a mad wave of jealousy.

The girl was accosted by the arrested man while visiting in Avenue Joffre. They apparently retired into the garden of No. 632 to thrash out their differences away from the public gaze.

Former Love Romance.

It appears that Badridze was formerly a wealthy merchant and the proprietor of a cabaret in Harbin, where a friendship between the parties was established, which later developed into a love romance.

At the meeting last night, Badridze pleaded with Nadejda Astrova and asked her to return to him.

She replied: May be.

At 6.15 p.m. approximately, a sound of shots was heard from the garden.

Passers-by rushed in to the rescue of the girl but they were held up by a second pistol, Badridze waving it menacingly and shouting that he would fire upon anyone who approached any closer.

Three More Shots.

After this warning, he proceeded to fire three more shots at the girl who had fallen to the ground.

He emptied the entire magazine of one of the revolvers, but of the whole, four shots took effect. Two of them penetrated the right leg and two the left. Badridze seemed on the verge of collapse after carrying out his dread design, but he surrendered himself to a sergeant of the French police who happened to be passing.

Critical Condition.

The girl was immediately removed to the Blue Hospital and enquiries this morning reveal that she is in a critical condition. —Our Own Correspondent.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with running a gaming house at 4, Station Lane, and also with possession of thirteen lottery tickets, and writing lottery tickets. He was fined \$100 or two months on the first charge and cautioned on the other two. A woman was also charged, in conjunction with him, with having bought four lottery tickets. She was fined \$25.

FAILED TO ATTEND PARADES.

MEMBER OF DEFENCE CORPS
FINED \$25.

PERSISTENT CAPTAIN.

An unusual case came before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when H.H. Lasham, a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was summoned under the Regulations of the Corps, for failing to attend parades in order to attain general efficiency, and for failing to return his kit and arms after discharge from the Force. The name of Captain E. J. R. Mitchell was set out in the charges as the complainant.

Replying to the first charge, Lasham said:—That is so.

His Worship:—You plead guilty? Defendant:—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, appearing for Captain Mitchell, said that, since the summons, the defendant had returned his kit and arms. He thought that the charge under this heading might be withdrawn.

Defendant in reply to another question, said:—I did not attend parade.

Mr. Whyte-Smith:—He attended one parade and one day at Camp, your Worship.

Asked by the Magistrate why he joined the Volunteers if he did not wish to attend parades, defendant replied:—"Captain Mitchell came to the office every day for four weeks with a Bible for me to swear on. That (joining the corps) was the only way to get rid of him."

Defendant was fined \$25 on the first summons.

IRELAND OUTPLAYED AT SHEFFIELD.

ENGLAND OBTAIN 5 GOALS
IN FIRST HALF.

London, Oct. 20.
England defeated Ireland by five goals to one in the first international of the season, played at Sheffield to-day.

England opened the international season with great distinction, running up a score of five clear goals before half-time, Ireland being completely outplayed.

Burgess, of Sheffield Wednesday, who was playing at inside left, obtained two of the goals, Hampson, the Blackpool centre-forward, Crooks, the Derby right-winger, and Houghton, outside-left, of Aston Villa, also scoring.

England rested on their laurels in the second half, and Dunne netted a goal for Ireland when the game was dragging towards its end. —Reuter.

INDIAN OUTLOOK REVIEWED.

CONGRESS METHODS PRO-
VOKE DISSATISFACTION.

London, Oct. 20.

The Government of India's appreciation of the situation in India to the 18th instant says that, apart from the events in the Bombay Presidency, the week has been comparatively quiet.

There is evidence of a decline in popular enthusiasm and of the growth of dissatisfaction against Congress methods. There is also a growing tendency for convicted persons to obtain remission of their sentences by offering apologies and pledges for future abstention from lawless activities.

It is added, however, that the Terrorist Party in the Punjab is believed to be planning further outrages. —Reuter.

LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE CONTEST.

AL FOREMAN KNOCKS OUT
GEORGE ROSE.

London, Oct. 20.

At Manchester to-day, the Anglo-Canadian Al Foreman, who promoted his own fight in May last when he won the lightweight championship from Fred Webster, tonight retained his title after a hard fight with George Rose, of Bristol. Foreman knocked out Rose in the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen rounds' contest, and after the fight he was presented with the Lonsdale Belt.

Lord Lonsdale was unable to be present to bestow the belt in person and Mr. Lionel Bettinson performed the brief ceremony on Lord Lonsdale's behalf. —Reuter.

END TO CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT
IN KOWLOON.

THREE MEN CHARGED AT
THE SESSIONS.

SERIOUS INJURIES.

What is alleged to have been the culmination of the efforts of certain Shanghai Chinese to drive a fellow-countryman away from the Colony, after other means had failed, resulted in the appearance of three men at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr. Justice Jackson, on a charge of wounding three other men with intent to do them grievous bodily harm.

The accused, who were unrepresented, were Lok Shan, Lok Shau-sung and Wong Kwi-fuk, and the victims of the attack were Ma Ying-zai, Wong Shuen-cheong and Cheung Shuen-hing. All the accused denied the charge.

Outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that the beginning of the story went back to July 25 when the first and third accused approached Wong Shuen-cheong, who was then No. 1, painter, employed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Garage, Stubbs Road, and told him that there would be trouble if he did not give up his job.

Shop-owner Threatened.

Apparently, said Mr. Fitzroy, there had been some trouble before that date, as the man did not seem to have had a very happy time, and the result was that he gave up his job on August 1.

He went over to Kowloon and succeeded in obtaining employment as a painter in a motor shop at Pilsken Street. The third accused, having heard that the man was going there, went to the shop and told the owner that if he employed the man there would be trouble. The owner took no notice of the threat and engaged the man.

Counsel remarked that the jury would follow that behind the story was some sort of attempt to drive the man away from the Colony.

Man Stabbed Twice.

At about half past eight on the evening of August 7, said Mr. Fitzroy, the victims of the attack were sitting in the Pilsken Street shop when the first accused approached and asked Cheung Shuen-hing for some tea.

As he was getting up the first accused stabbed him twice. The third accused, who had by this time appeared, then struck him a blow with the back axle of a motor car, knocking him down.

The manager rushed out of the shop and, in the meantime, Ma Ying-zai had attempted to wrest the axe from the third accused, but failed, and the third accused knocked him down with a blow of the weapon. There seemed to have been a general melee, when the second accused appeared. The first accused was held and was arrested by the police when they arrived on the scene.

Some difficulty was experienced in understanding what had happened as all the men concerned were Shanghai Chinese, with the result that were all taken to the Police Station, including the first accused, and were formally charged with creating a disturbance. In the meantime, the second and third accused had escaped.

Walked Into Arrest.

On the afternoon of the next day, having heard that one of their party had been arrested, the second and third accused went to the Police Station. A sergeant who saw them asked what they were doing and they replied that they wanted to bail a man out. They were told to go inside and it was noticed that they bore suspicious marks. They were stripped and various bruises were found. The men were subsequently identified as having taken part in the fight and were accordingly charged.

Mr. Fitzroy added that the victims were very seriously injured. Ma Ying-zai sustained a fractured skull, necessitating operations, and at one time it was very doubtful whether he would live. The case is proceeding.

ESCAPES FROM HOSPITAL.

PRISONER GETS FREE AT
KOWLOON.

ACCUSED OF THEFT.

Leung Sui-po, a prisoner undergoing treatment for bruises on his legs at the Kowloon Hospital, effected his escape from the prisoners' ward in the Hospital last night.

He was to have appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of theft.

He was accused of having stolen, from No. 60, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, a blanket, a bed mat, a leather hand bag, a white silk long coat, a Panama hat, a table cloth, a fountain pen, 25 gramophone records, nine pieces of embroidered cloth and \$18 in money, the property of a widow named Cheung Mui.

BRITISH IMPORT DUTY RUMOURS.

Pointed Denial by Mr.
Philip Snowden.

WON'T BE CONSIDERED.

London, Oct. 20.
Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring in a speech at Manchester to a rumour that the Government was considering an all-round 10 per cent. import duty for revenue purposes, said no Government in which he had charge of the national finances would ever seriously consider such a proposal. —Reuter.

The total value of the articles is \$80. A second charge of having received stolen property was also preferred.

Mr. Butters adjourned the case sine die in view of the fact that the man has not yet been re-arrested.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND OPIUM.

STRENGTHENING GENEVA
CONVENTION.

Geneva, Oct. 20.

The Central Opium Board of the League of Nations has concluded its public discussion and adopted a report for the Council regarding the Board's Work in 1929.

A number of verbal changes and additions have been made, notably a suggestion by Mr. H. L. May, the American member of the Board, in favour of amending certain articles of the Geneva Opium Convention tending to empower the Board to recommend against an offending country, not only an embargo on exports to such country of the substances covered by the Convention, but also imports of such substances from that country.

The danger of the illicit traffic in drugs is also strongly emphasised in the report. —Reuter.

NEW PRIVY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THREE DOMINION PREMIERS
APPOINTED.

London, Oct. 20.

H.M. the King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Bennett; the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Forbes; and the Prime Minister of Newfoundland, Sir Richard Squires, to be members of his Privy Council. —British Wireless.

FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression is central to the west of Tokyo. The anticyclone is central over S.E. Mongolia. The local forecast is:—East winds, moderate; fair.

JEWISH HOPES DASHED.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT
POLICY.

CO-OPERATION WITH ARABS
STRONGLY URGED.

REFORMS OUTLINED.

London, Oct. 21.

The Government has issued a White Paper containing an important statement of policy in Palestine, in which it is stated that "it is useless for Jewish leaders to press the Government to conform to their policy as regards, for example, immigration and land, or to the aspirations of the more uncompromising sections of Zionist opinion."

"It is equally useless for the Arab leaders to maintain their demand for a form of constitution which would render it impossible for the Government to carry out the double undertaking to the Palestinian Jews and non-Jews."

The statement of policy has been drafted after careful consideration of the report of Sir John Hope Simpson, the special investigator upon land settlement, immigration and development, sent to Palestine by the British Government. Sir John Simpson's report is issued simultaneously.

Not to be Moved.

The Government statement lays repeated emphasis on the fact that no policy, however enlightened, or however vigorously prosecuted, can succeed unless supported not merely by the acceptance but by the willing co-operation of the communities for whose benefit it is designed.

The Government make it clear "that they will not be moved by any pressure or threats from the path laid down in the mandate and from the pursuit of a policy which aims at promoting the interests of the inhabitants of Palestine, both Arabs and Jews, in a manner which shall be consistent with the obligations which the mandate imposes."

As it is the primary duty of the Administration to ensure peace, incitements to disorder or disaffection, in whatever quarter they may originate, will be severely punished and the power of the administration will, so far as may be necessary, be enlarged to enable it to deal more effectively with any such dangerous and unwarrantable attempts.

Military Strength.

Government will retain for the present two battalions of infantry in Palestine, and, in addition, two squadrons of aircraft and four sections of armoured cars will be available in Palestine and Trans-Jordan.

The Government has decided that the time has arrived for a further step in the direction of the grant to the people of Palestine of a measure of self-government, compatible with the terms of the mandate. They accordingly intend to set up a Legislative Council on the lines generally laid down in the statement of June, 1922, and trust that on this occasion they will secure the co-operation of all sections of the population.

While they would deeply regret an attempt on the part of any section of the population to prevent them from giving effect to their decision, all possible steps will be taken to circumvent such attempt, if made, since they consider it in the interests of the population of the country as a whole that the further step now proposed should no longer be deferred.

New Council's Form.

The new Legislative Council will consist of the High Commissioner and twenty-two members of whom ten will be official and twelve unofficial. The last-named will normally be elected by primary and secondary elections.

To avoid a repetition of the deadlock which occurred in 1923, steps will be devised to ensure the appointment of the requisite number of unofficial members to the Council in the event of one or more members failing to be elected on account of the non-co-operation of any section of the population or for any other reason. The High Commissioner will continue to have the necessary power to ensure that the

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EMPIRE MEETINGS CONTINUE.

CHEAPER PRESS RATES AGAIN
URGED.

MANY OTHER ISSUES.

London, Oct. 20.

As the heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference have completed their preliminary discussions on the whole agenda, various questions have now been remitted to Committees for detailed examination and reports.

To-day the Committee on Communications received a deputation from the Empire Press Union which urged cheaper rates for Press messages throughout the Empire.

The Committee on Inter-Imperial Relations discussed, among other matters, the Colonial Laws Validity Act in the light of the report of the Conference on the operation of Dominion legislation.

The Committee on Arbitration and Disarmament discussed a Draft Disarmament Convention designed to bring the League Convention into accord with the Kellogg Pact.

The Civil Aviation Committee held its first meeting and passed a resolution of sympathy in regard to the R.101 tragedy and discussed the progress in heavier-than-air activities since the last Conference; and the Committee on Economic Co-operation considered in broad outline "the system as applicable to United Kingdom wheat imports."

—British Wireless.

HONGKONG OBSERVES NELSON DAY.

WREATHS LAID AT CENOTAPH
AND WANCHAI.

Simple, but impressive, were the ceremonies held at the Cenotaph and the Wanchai Memorial to mark the celebration of Nelson Day this morning, when wreaths were laid at both monuments from His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel) and the Hongkong branch of the Navy League.

Capt. T. H. A. Colman, A.D.C., represented His Excellency and laid his wreaths of marguerites and fern, whilst Mr. A. L. Shields and Rear-Admiral R.A.S. Hill, C.B.E., (President and Vice-President respectively of the local branch of the Navy League) performed this duty on behalf of the League. This floral tribute took the form of a ship's anchor in red poppies, with lilies and roses and ferns.

Amongst those present were:—Capt. T.H.A. Colman (representing H. E. the Governor), Mr. A. L. Shields, Rear-Admiral R.A.S. Hill, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Capt. Laurensen, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. M. G. Marriott (Hon. Secretary).

To-night, at the Lee Theatre, a grand concert is to be given under the auspices of the League, a splendid programme having been arranged for the occasion.

HENRY FORD'S REPLY TO CRITICS.

BERLIN EMPLOYEES GIVEN
RISE IN PAY.

Berlin, Oct. 20.

A seven per cent. increase in wages for employees in his Berlin works who are not participating in the present strike, and a fifteen per cent. reduction in the price of his cars, is Henry Ford's reply to the complaint of German industrialists that he is a blackleg as the Ford Company here is not affiliated with the Employers' Association.

Ford is greatly incensed over the wage-cutting desires of European industrialists. —Reuter.

EGYPTIAN COTTON INVESTIGATION.

MANUFACTURERS SET UP
MISSION.

Brussels, Oct. 20.

The Committee of the International Cotton Federation, including representatives of the principal European countries and Japan, has decided to send a mission to Egypt to investigate, with the Egyptian Government, questions interesting the spinners of Egyptian cotton. —Reuter.

VIGOROUS RAP FOR KUOMINTANG.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S
STRICTURES.

PARTY MEMBERS NOT A
PRIVILEGED CLASS.

A GENERAL WARNING.

Nanking, Oct. 21.

A severe denunciation of members of the Kuomintang Party who were abusing their rights and powers, was the burden of an important speech by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek yesterday at a meeting at the Central Kuomintang headquarters.

Marshal Chiang commented upon the unpopularity of the Kuomintang in various parts of the country, and attributed this to the behaviour of certain members of the Party who created the impression that the Kuomintang had become a privileged class.

Selfish Interests.

He continued: "A privileged class is bound to fail. A few of the party members are really fighting for the welfare of the public, but most of them are struggling for their own selfish interests. All they want is power."

Marshal Chiang wound up his address with a warning to all members of the Kuomintang Party, including those holding high executive posts.

Any of the party members, he declared, proved to be corrupt or inefficient would be punished more severely than non-members.

"This is a Kuomintang Government. If we are unable to maintain discipline inside the Party there is no hope of establishing an efficient administration. The head of Communist influence is a proof that our members are not carrying out their duties faithfully." —Reuter.

Mukden's Wary Policy.

Peking, Oct. 20.

Acting upon instructions from General Chang Hsueh-liang, the Manchurian Government has announced its determination to enlarge the scope of the newly-formed North-Eastern Political Commission in North China which will administer the political affairs of Kirin, Heilungkiang, Fengtien, Jehol and Suiyuan Provinces under the Chairmanship of General Chang.

The second executive conference of the elder Manchurian leaders was held this morning at Mukden, when General Chang Hsueh-liang's suggestion for the despatch of the Third and Fourth Manchurian armies to Peking for the strengthening of the Manchurian position in North China was carried unanimously.

Mukden As Centre.

While endeavouring their best to extend their sphere of influence into China Proper, there is an indication that the more conservative element among the Manchurian Government is determined to devote its energies towards the development of the Three Eastern Provinces.

In this connexion General Chang Hsueh-liang's proposal for the establishment of his headquarters as Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies at Peking was repudiated by the Mukden Conference this morning, when the elder politicians insisted on retaining Mukden as the centre of the political administration of the North-Eastern Political Commission. General Chang's intent trip to Peking to confer with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has therefore been cancelled indefinitely.

At the Conference, General Chang Hsueh-liang, head of the Elder Politicians, expressed the opinion that it would be wiser for Mukden to direct all political negotiations with Nanking Government from Mukden, where General Chang Hsueh-liang can have the constant advice of his officials.

Tientsin Reinforcements.

Two large contingents of Manchurian troops arrived at Tientsin this morning from Mukden, and will act as garrison troops in the

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS ON BUDGET.

LUXURIOUS STANDARD OF LIVING.

SALARY SCHEME.

Below we give the full text of His Excellency the Governor's speech at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, of which a summary appeared in our issue of last evening:

His Excellency said.—Honourable Members.—The subject has been so exhaustively dealt with that there appears little left for me to say. In the first place, I wish to thank the Colonial Secretary for his able exposition of the Budget, and both him and his officers for the great help that they have given me in the final preparation of it. I also thank the Senior Unofficial Member, and through him the other Unofficial Members, for their congratulations on the efforts made to deal with what is admittedly a very difficult Budget. In the circumstances, the tribute is generous. I also thank the Members for their careful consideration of it, and for their helpful comments and criticism. In view of the difficulties involved and the necessity for increasing taxation, I feel gratified that there has been so little criticism.

In spite of the lucky star which my Honourable friend, Mr. Kote-wall, suggested I am blessed with, it has been my misfortune in two successive years, in Malaya and here, to submit a Budget in which it has been necessary severely to restrict expenditure with a view to reducing the deficit on the year's working. In both places, prosperous years have been succeeded by lean ones, with the result that serious need for economy has arisen. In spite of the most careful pruning of the estimates for 1931, it is impossible to avoid extra taxation unless there is to be a dangerous loss in efficiency.

Local Standards.

Coming to Hongkong a little over five months ago, I was struck by the fact that here, as in Malaya, the country possesses considerable amenities, which it has been fortunate enough to acquire on a low basis of taxation. This high standard was attained in both places as a result of prosperous years and now that we have happened on lean years it is a question whether that standard should be allowed to deteriorate or whether, in order to maintain it, some measure of additional taxation should be imposed. I cannot believe that the Colony would choose the former alternative. Any increase of taxation is unpleasant, but if high standards are to be maintained, and I do not believe that this Colony cannot afford to maintain them, it is unavoidable. It has been argued that the cost of living is high in Hongkong, and therefore an increase of taxation is not justified. I doubt whether any Chancellor of the Exchequer would be prepared to accept such an argument. It is necessary to consider to what such high cost of living is due. Is it due merely to an increase in the cost of necessities and a certain measure of luxuries, or is it due to people having adopted a more luxurious style of living? If, as I believe, the latter is largely responsible for the present high cost of living, I cannot possibly accept the argument as a reason for imposing no further taxation.

Hongkong Lightly Taxed.

Comparisons are proverbially odious, especially if they refute one's own arguments. After 32 years of Malaya, I am convinced that the cost of living is higher there than here, and that taxation, though far from burdensome there, is markedly higher than in this Colony. To take one important

form of taxation which looms large in the discussions on this bill, the municipal assessment and rates both in Singapore and Penang total 22 per cent., inclusive of general water rate and education rate. In Singapore there is in addition a 2 per cent. improvement rate, but, of course, this is earmarked for special purposes. The revised figure for Hongkong of 17 per cent. inclusive compares, therefore, very favourably with this class of taxation in Malaya. I confess that I had made up my mind that it should not be raised by more than 3 per cent., and steadily resisted suggestions to adopt a greater rise. After comparing the estimates very carefully, however, I was forced to the conclusion that, if any lower rate were imposed, the deficit on next year's working would be higher than is justified, and I reluctantly came to the conclusion that a 4 per cent. rise was necessary. Before deciding on this increase I explored other possible sources of revenue, but there appeared to be none which would produce the necessary amount required, or the incidence of which would be equally equitable.

The Amusement Tax.

The difficulty of finding a more equitable form may be gathered from the unofficial reports of the recent meeting of the General Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Three sources were recommended:—a tax on betting; this has some merit and need not be irrevocably turned down, but I think that it is advisable to see the effect of it in England. In any event 20 per cent. would kill it and a reasonable percentage would not bring a huge amount. Meanwhile, the amusements tax will be applied to Racing Clubs. I consider that the proposed tax on jewellery would be almost impossible to enforce and any attempt to do so would in my opinion be doomed to failure. The proposal regarding buses and ferries entails the raising of the cost of essential services, so also raising the cost of living. It must be remembered that we tax seats in buses and if the services were let for tender, this would have to be taken into account. In a Colony where there is no income tax, assessment seems a fair form of taxation. In this connexion, it must be remembered that the military contribution is high, and that of the 4 per cent. additional rate, we only actually receive 3.2 per cent. directly for revenue purposes. As regards the military contribution it has been suggested that we should try to get the percentage reduced. Efforts have been made in the past to get a revision but with little success and I may say at once that in my opinion there is not the slightest chance of inducing the stony-hearted Home Treasury to agree to any material reduction. I may remind you that we only pay 20 per cent. so long as the cost of the garrison costs more than that. It must also be remembered that the cost is almost entirely on a sterling basis and that the sterling value of our contribution is adversely affected by the low dollar. The reply to the question regarding the exemption of the profit on exchange is that the matter is still under consideration. Meanwhile favourable consideration has been given to the suggestion that capital expenditure on certain undertakings should be taken into account with a view to exemptions.

The Shipping Taxes.

As regards the increase in shipping charges, I fully appreciate that it is undesirable to make such charges unduly heavy in a port like this, which depends so much on its shipping for its prosperity. At the same time, the argument can be overdone, and there is no reason either why fair charges should not be imposed, or why the imposition of such fair charges should have any marked influence on the shipping using this port. I realise that shipping, in common with trade, is passing through a time of depression, but the additional amount to be paid, when spread over the large number of ships affected, will mean a very small average increase. The pre-

sent charges were imposed when the dollar was 2s. 6½d., and the revised rates are no more than a fair view of the fall in the dollar. It may be an exaggeration to say that most of the dollar companies have raised their rates, but some undoubtedly have, while a large number of the ships using the port belong to companies working on a sterling basis, which certainly cannot reasonably complain of what I am convinced is a perfectly equitable rise. I have not considered whether it is possible to discriminate in respect of buoy charges between coastal and ocean-going steamers. I doubt it, but will go into the matter.

As regards the suggestion that the fees be reduced if the position at some future date justifies it, I can only say that I cannot possibly give an undertaking which would fetter my successors, but of course it is always open to reconsider any form of taxation at any time, should it appear to be either too onerous or impolitic. I hope that the shipping industry's back will be sufficiently strong to carry the extra straw that has been placed upon it.

The Exchange Problem.

As regards expenditure, naturally there have been considerable increases to meet the increased dollar cost of sterling salaries, and of purchases made in sterling. I can assure honourable members, however, that the greatest economy consistent with efficiency is being exercised. In this connexion I should like to make reference to what I consider to be fallacious comparisons between the figures of the establishments in general expenditure, first in the estimates for 1930 and the figures for 1931. The tendency is to take the cost of personal emoluments based on 1s. 10d. to the dollar for 1930, ignore the vote of \$420,000 for high cost of living and make the smaller figure the basis of comparison for 1931, which was estimated on a 1s. 4d. dollar and in which estimates no figure appears for high cost of living allowance. I have not seen any figures and I do not know if the Colonial Treasurer has them, but I think if figures were got out, showing what the late system of salaries would have cost, with the approved high cost of living allowances, and at 1s. 4d., the new basis of salaries would not show nearly as high an increase as is generally believed to be the case. I can get figures taken out if necessary and I think they would be rather illuminating.

Apart from a decision not to fill certain posts which are at present vacant, the question of actual retrenchment of posts must await the recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission. The members of that Commission are dealing with the question very thoroughly, and Government is most grateful to them. I trust that their enquiries will lead to further economies.

I may say, with reference to the suggestion of my hon. friend Mr. Braga regarding local recruiting, that it is a question that I have had under consideration ever since I came here, and I have not only asked the Retrenchment Commission to consider it, but I have instructed several departments to see how far it is possible to achieve something on these lines.

Education.

Education costs us a good deal, but if the present policy is to be maintained, the cost is unavoidable. At the same time, I have given a great deal of thought to the question of our policy, and confess to some doubts whether it is entirely justified. I have been struck by the high age of a number of the pupils at our schools. It seems to me that, owing to our present system, they stay there for three to four years more than is justified. Naturally, the longer the boys are kept at schools, the fees at which are admittedly too low to cover the cost, the greater is the expenditure incurred by Government. Further assistance to the vernacular schools and also to grant-in-aid schools might be considered if economies can be effected in other directions. I think that the whole of our edu-

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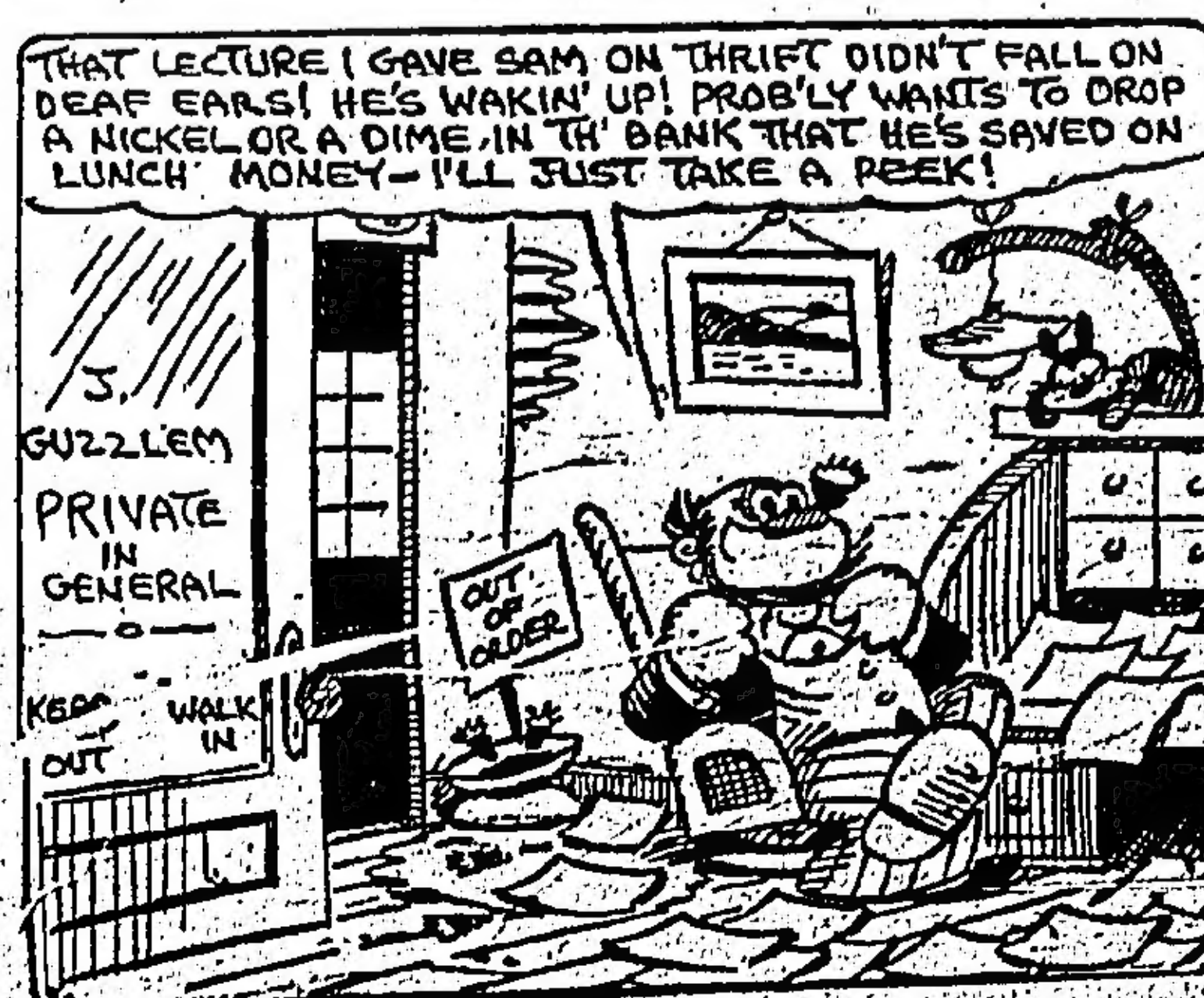
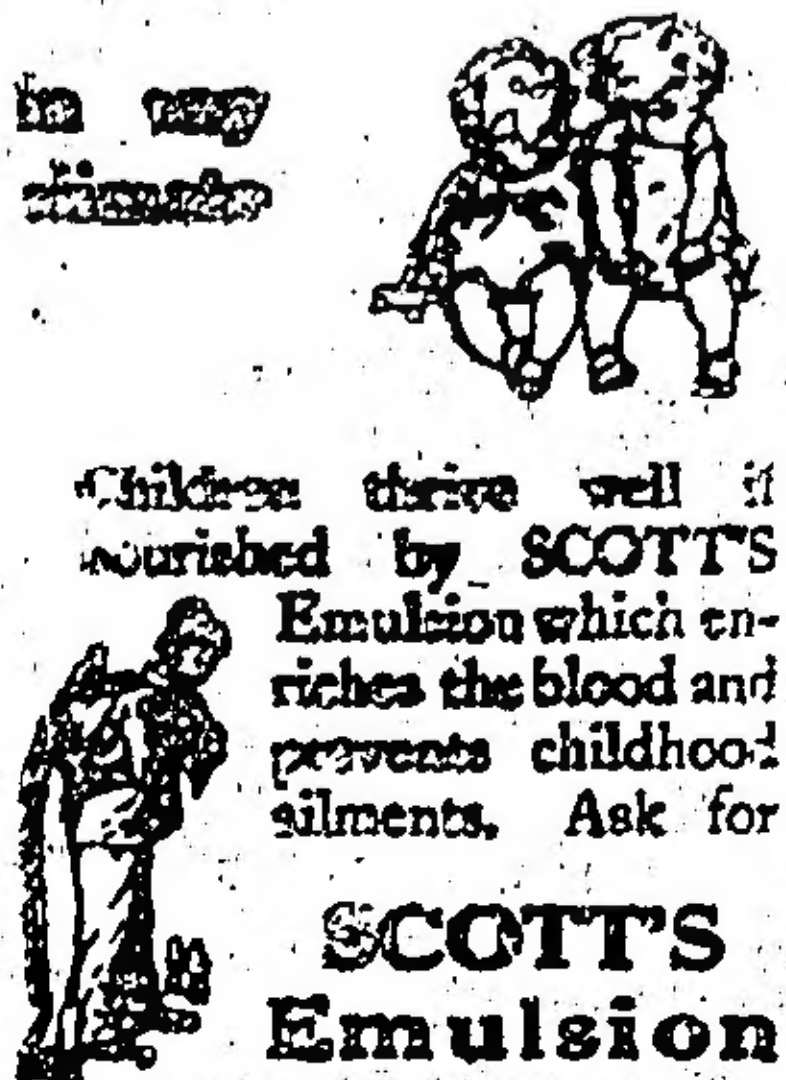
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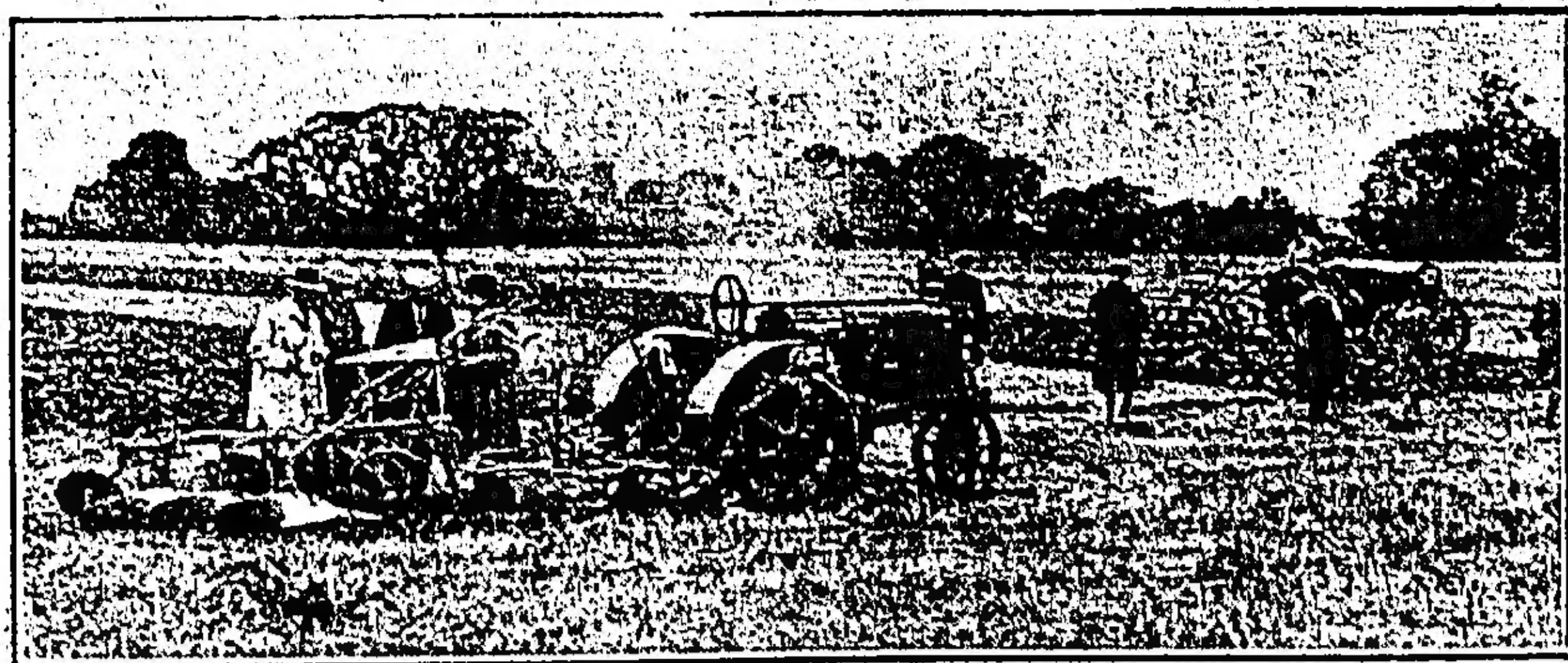
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Our picture shows some of the tractors on view during the public demonstrations of agricultural tractors which was held at Ardington, near Wantage. (Times copyright).



A general view of the main hall of the National Radio Exhibition which was opened at Olympia, London. The exhibition is the largest of its kind ever held in the British Empire and is entirely British. It is organized by the Radio Manufacturers' Association. (Times copyright).



Gordon K. Burns, winner of the aged inventor's scholarship, being congratulated by Thomas A. Edison at East Orange, N.J.



Major General B. H. Fuller, commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, being sworn in to his new commission by Gen. Rufus Lane.



Photo taken at a garden party given by the Shanghai American Association of University Women at the home of Mrs. R. Laurenz, to inaugurate the new season. Mr. Julian Arnold, United States Commercial Attaché was the speaker of the afternoon.



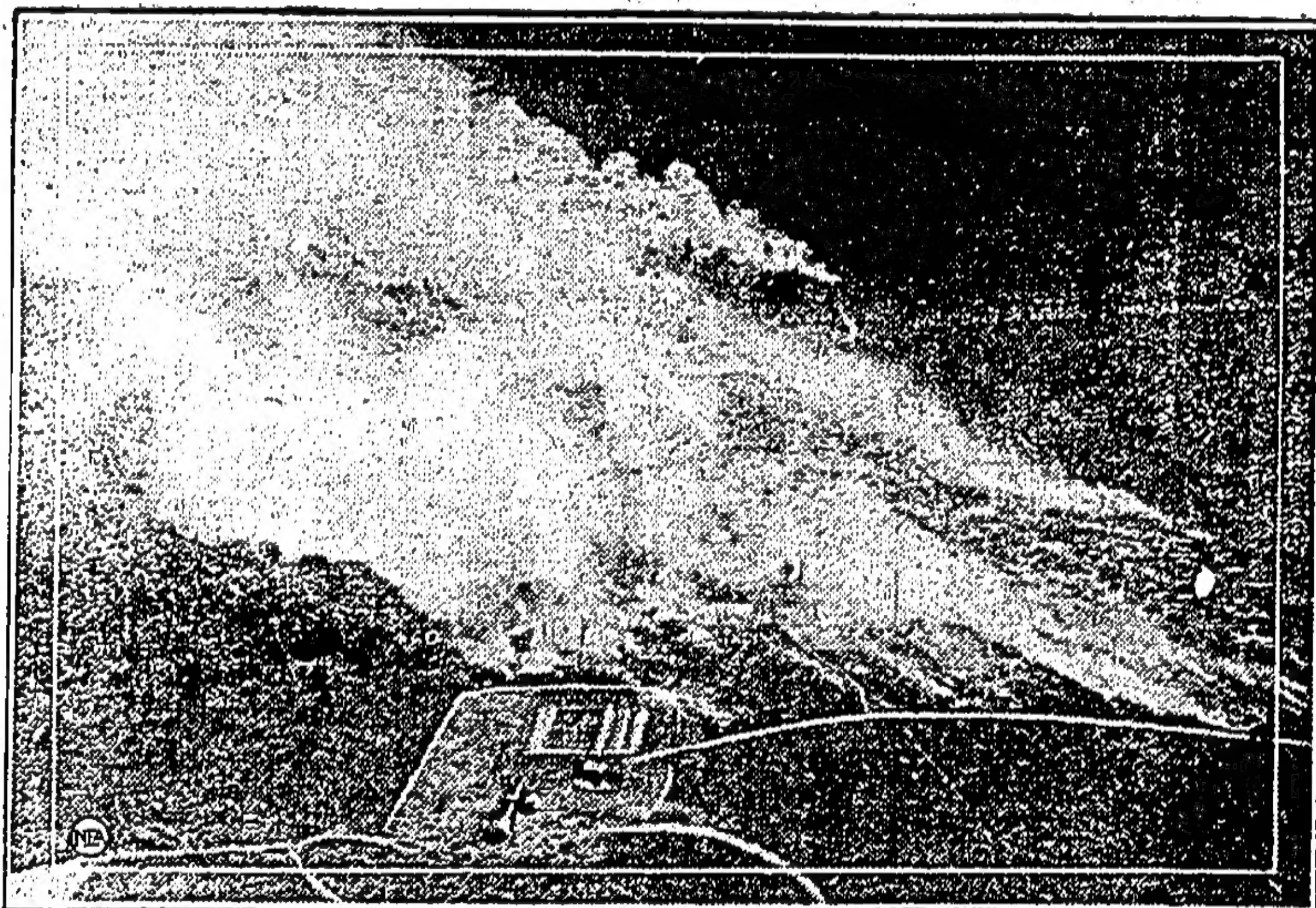
Our picture shows one of the incidents at the Alsatian trials which were held at the Crystal Palace. It illustrates one of the competitors clearing an obstacle with ease. (Times).



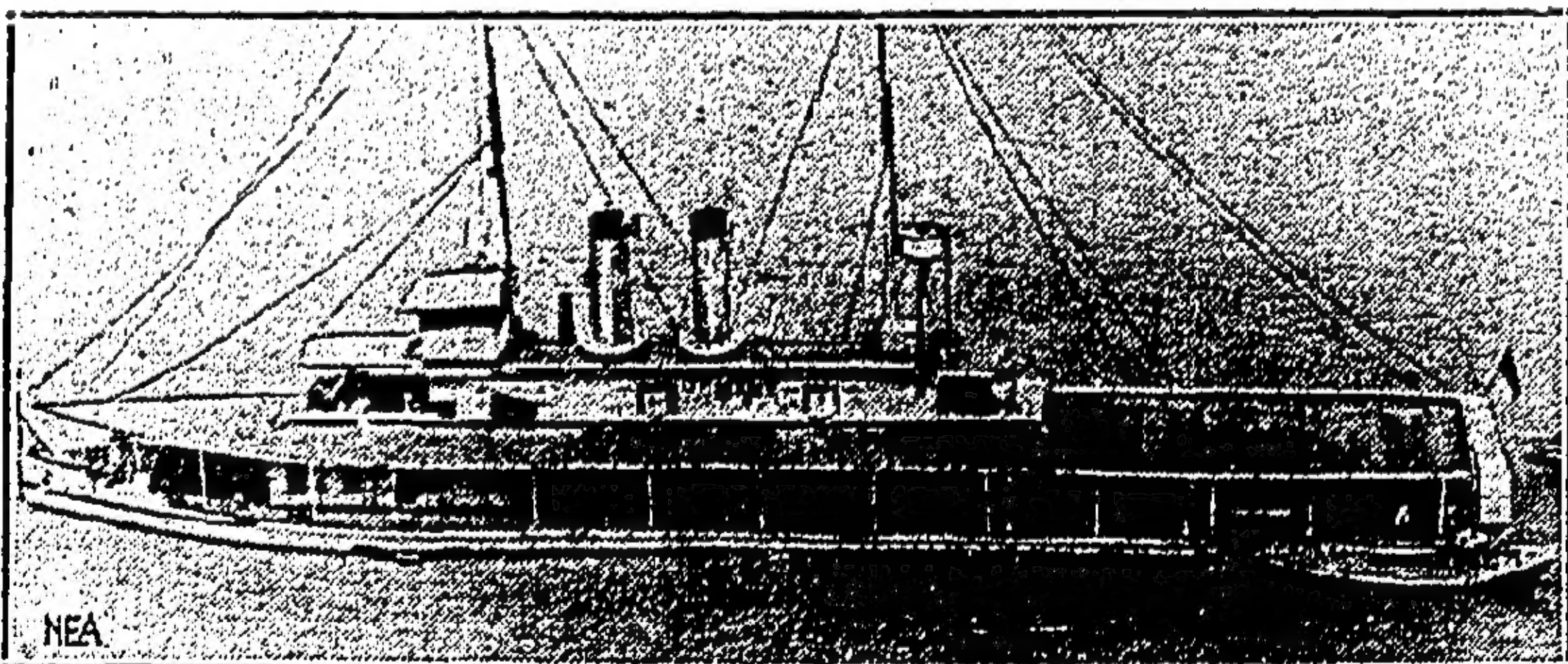
The alarm station for warning police which has been erected near Southwark Bridge, London. Its particular use will be for dealing with motor bandits. (Times copyright).



Another picture taken during the Alsatian trials at the Crystal Palace, London. It shows an Alsatian picking out his owner's hat from a number of other hats. (Times copyright).



This remarkable aerial photo shows the steady advance of a devastating forest fire which has been raging over a 20-mile front in northern Wisconsin for two months. The picture was taken near Oconto, Wis. Observe how the flames have just missed the farm in the left foreground.



The U. S. S. Palos which has several times been under fire in the Yangtze since the development of the Communist reign of terror. Five American sailors were wounded when the vessel was fired on at Changsha. Replying to the fire, over a hundred casualties were inflicted on the Reds.

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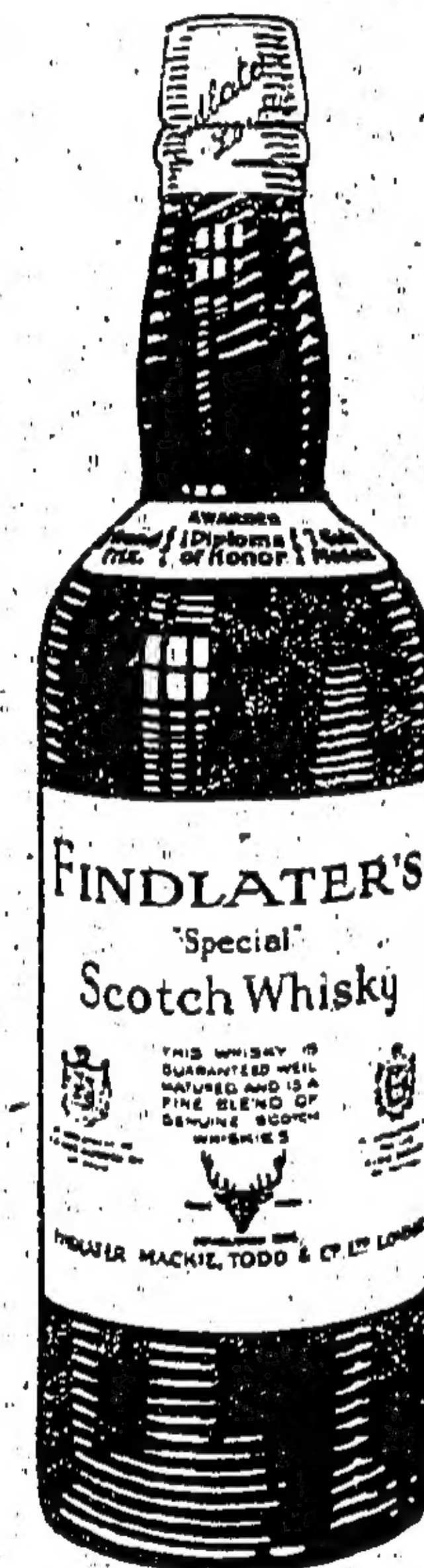
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"Sometimes I ask myself whether
as a business nation we are
stupid or merely lazy," said Sir
Francis Goodenough, speaking on
marketing methods in the glass
industry, at the British Glass Convention
at Buxton.

"I am rather sorry when I see
anybody giving soothing syrup on
the mental attitude of business
men to customers. Salesmanship
and marketing should be the concern
of the whole organisation of the
business from the boardroom
downwards, and should be the
primary concern because it is no
use building factories, or organising
service, if you can't sell the
products of the firm or service."

Mr. Gordon Selfridge, speaking
on publicity and propaganda, said
that it was easy in difficult times
like the present to retrench a little
in business and save money, and
advertising was one of the first
things on which they saved money.
That was because they did not
realise that advertising was indispensable.

The Best Medium.

Presiding at the annual meeting
of the Worthing Borough Publicity
Association, the Chairman, Mr. W.
George Patching, said that his
Executive Committee were becoming
more convinced every year
that the greatest and best form of
advertisement was through the
newspaper Press of the country.

During the past year about 80
applications for guides were received
from the Dominions and
foreign countries, and an interesting
point about these applications
was that a very considerable proportion
came as a result of ordinary
advertisements in the London
Press, showing that London
daily papers were read all over
the world.



Some folks confuse recreation
with rest.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

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Chartered Bank, \$17½ n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
East Asia \$111 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,080 s.
Union Ins., \$450 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.80 b.
China Fire, \$400 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,080 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27½ s.
H. K. Steamships, \$27¼ s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$34 n.
Union Waterboats \$31½ b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$8.70 n.
Kailans, \$7/6 n.
Langkats, Tls. 8½ n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.80 b.
Raubs, \$24½ b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$160 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$32 n.
China Providents \$5.15 b. (Old)
Hongkows, Tls. 285 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.30 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 122 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.15 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 82 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotel, \$11.40 b.
H. K. Lands, \$76¼ b. (Old)
do. \$76½ n. (New)
S'hai Lands Tls. 305 b.
Humphreys, \$16. b.
Realities, \$8.40 b.
Chinese Estates \$87 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.70 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$81½ s.
China Lights, (Old) \$25¼ b.
H. K. Electric, \$78.60 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones \$35¼ n.
China Buses, Tls. 18½ n.
Singapore Traction, 7/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. s.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.40 n.
Canton Ice, \$3 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$17.75 b.
Ropes \$10½ b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.40 b.
Watsons, \$11.80 b.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.35 b.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$11.60 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.
Constructions, \$2.40 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 64½ b.
H.K.G. Loan 7½% Prem.

CINEMA NOTES.

"FREE AND EASY" NOW
SHOWING.

The appearance of Anita Page in
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's all-star
talking comedy, "Free and Easy,"
which is showing at the Queen's
Theatre, calls to mind the amusing
manner in which this young woman
who is still in her teens acted when
she was first interviewed by officials
of the picture company.

It was a spring morning in 1923
that Anita Page went to the M-G-M
studio. She had a cold, her hair
wasn't curled and she was fretful at
the long bus ride. Sam Wood, director, and John
Lancaster, casting executive, wanted
her to have a screen test.

"I don't want to; I want to go
home!" this little Cinderella in
Movieland pouted.
The officials were amazed. A girl
who didn't want a screen test!

Her stubbornness made them want
her more than before. The test was
made—and she became William
Haines' leading lady overnight.
Since then Anita Page has definitely
established herself as the most
promising of the younger players in
Hollywood, but her rise is not one of
those successes which just happen.
Anita was the first actress on the
West Coast to study voice culture.
Being under legal age, Anita by the
law of California, had to spend a
certain time each day at school. As
she was a high school graduate and
was anxious to devote the necessary
time to study at the University of
Southern California, the M-G-M
officials asked that Anita be allowed
to study voice culture. This was
even before days of the second studio
on the Culver City lot and no one at
that time had begun to think of pre-
paring himself for talking pictures.
Consequently when talking pictures
finally came in, Anita had a head
start on her contemporaries and found
herself utterly at ease before the
microphone, a poised which made her
stand out like a fish on dry land.
She became in constant demand for
featured parts and it is not long be-
fore she will be on her way to star-
dom.

Dundee Sisters in Song and
Dance Film.

Some wise person out at Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer saw that there was
real drama in a story which con-
founded what would happen if the
famous Duncan Sisters should even
disagree and break up the team.

And so it is that "It's Great Life,"
the first Duncan Sisters talking picture,
which will be taken to the Queen's
Theatre on Wednesday, takes that
situation and makes of it a very
entertaining story.

Director Sam Wood has made a
human and realistic production out
of the trials and tribulations of
Casey, Babe Hogan, and Jimmy
Dean, the piano player whose interest
in Babe, and quarrels with Casey,
bring about the split-up.
"It's a Great Life" opens with the
two girls as clerks of a department
store. Then we see them the hit of
a very funny "amateur show" given
by the store. Only they are "ran-
ned" for burlesquing the bosses,
which throws them right on the
vaudeville stage. An immediate hit,
they are on their way up when the
marriage of Babe and Jimmy causes
the two girls to split.

The subsequent incident before
their final reconciliation provides a
lot of suspense and interest.

The new all-talking picture is
worth going to see if only for the
brand-new Duncan Sisters songs.
"Following You," for instance,
was hummed by half the gang as
they left the playhouse last night.
"The Hoosier Hop" is a toe-tickling
dance number. "Sailing on a Sun-
beam," "Won't You Be My Lady
Love?" and "It's an Old Spanish
Custom" are other brand-new Duncan
numbers, all written especially
for the girls by Dave Dreyer and
Ballard Macdonald.

"Tanned Legs."

A new slant of the younger generation
that will cause many an American
parent to both ponder and smile
is presented amid dazzling beauty in
Radio Pictures' "Tanned Legs,"
scheduled for the screen of the
Central Theatre on Wednesday.

The screen at last seems to have
caught the spirit of twentieth
century youth in this effervescent
drama which features Ann Penning-
ton, Arthur Lake, Dorothy Revier,
Sally Blane, Albert Gran and June
Clyde, a refreshingly new and youthful
star whose smile and voice promise
to carry her far.

Songs, dances, bathing suits and
girls are the elements out of which
Director Marshall Neilan builds his
just-serious-enough drama. There's
a thrill or two for variety and enough
legs to give Ziegfeld nightmares, but
it's the rhythm and the wisecracking
that put the show in the hit class.
By a good wide margin, with
five new songs by Levant and
Clare promise to outbid their "Street
Girl" numbers for popularity. Two
of these, "With Me, With You," and
"You're Responsible," are already
familiar to radio fans.

"Journey's End."

The Central Theatre will present
for the first time here on Sunday,
October 26 the Tiffany-Gainsborough
all-dialogue film version by arrange-
ment with Maurice Browne, of R. C.
Sherriff's now world-famous play,
"Journey's End." It is recorded by
PCA Phonophone. Directed by James
Whale, supervised by George Pearson
and Joseph Moncur, March did the
continuity. Colin Clive heads the
cast, including David Manners, Ian
MacLaren, Anthony Bushell, Billy
Breen, Charles Gerrard, Jack
Pittsirn, Warner Klinger, Robert
A'Dair and Thomas Whiteley.

"Journey's End" is a slice of life
thoughts in the most intensely dramatic
periods of the world's history—the
trenches in France. The scene of
this play is in the British trenches
before St. Quentin. The entire action
takes place in a single dug-out under
a trench and covers four days of
the war. It is the story of the
democracy. In short, it is the story
of the effect that going into the
trenches for the first time had on a

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From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	October 22.
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	October 22.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London 25th September and Par- cels 18th September).	Macedonia	October 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 2nd October)	Emp. of Canada	October 23.
Java	Tijkembang	October 23.
Amoy	Tilawa	October 23.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	October 24.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tijkarang	October 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 3rd Octo- ber)	Pres. Wilson	November 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 16th October)	Empress of Russia	November 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 10th October)	Pres. Madison	November 3.
Japan	Melbourne Maru	November 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 18th October)	Pres. Pierce	November 7.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	November 9.

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to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.
on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Hiye Maru	Tues., Oct. 21, Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 11th November).
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hiye Maru	Tues., Oct. 21, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tain Hing	Tues., Oct. 21, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Holikon	Tues., Oct. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., Oct. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Talamba	Tues., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Halphong	New Mathilde	Tues., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsang	Tues., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Oct. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Wed., Oct. 22, 4 p.m.
Japan	Macedonia	Wed., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Macedonia	Wed., Oct. 22, Registration 6 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	Thurs., Oct. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs., Oct. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., Oct. 23, 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Thurs., Oct. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	Thurs., Oct. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Oct. 24, 1 p.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Tilawa	Sat., Oct. 25, Parcels Oct. 25, 5 p.m. Letters Oct. 25, 9.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,

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Registration Oct. 25, 9 a.m.

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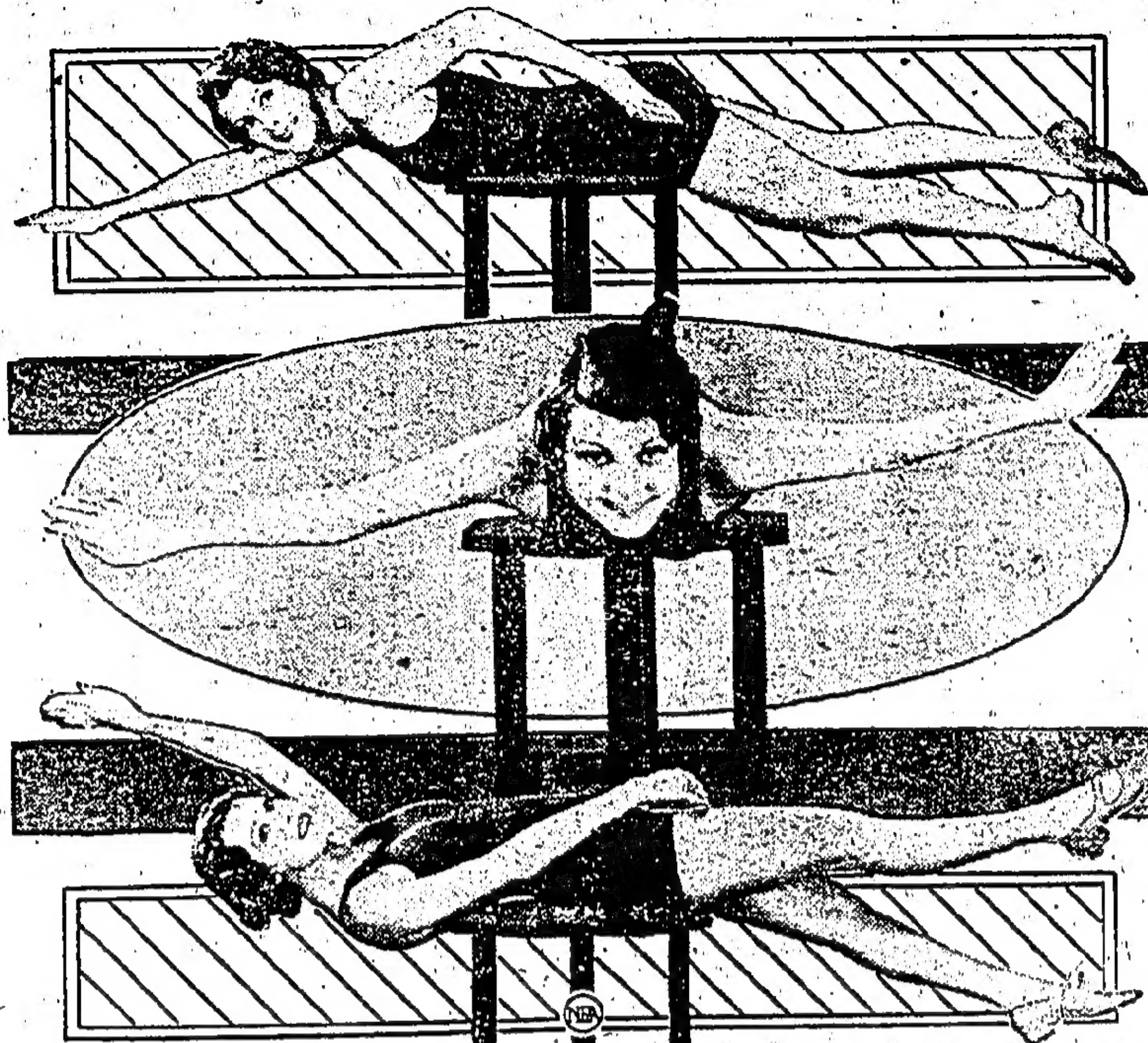


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While your arms perform this rotary motion, keep your knees straight and pedal your feet up and down.

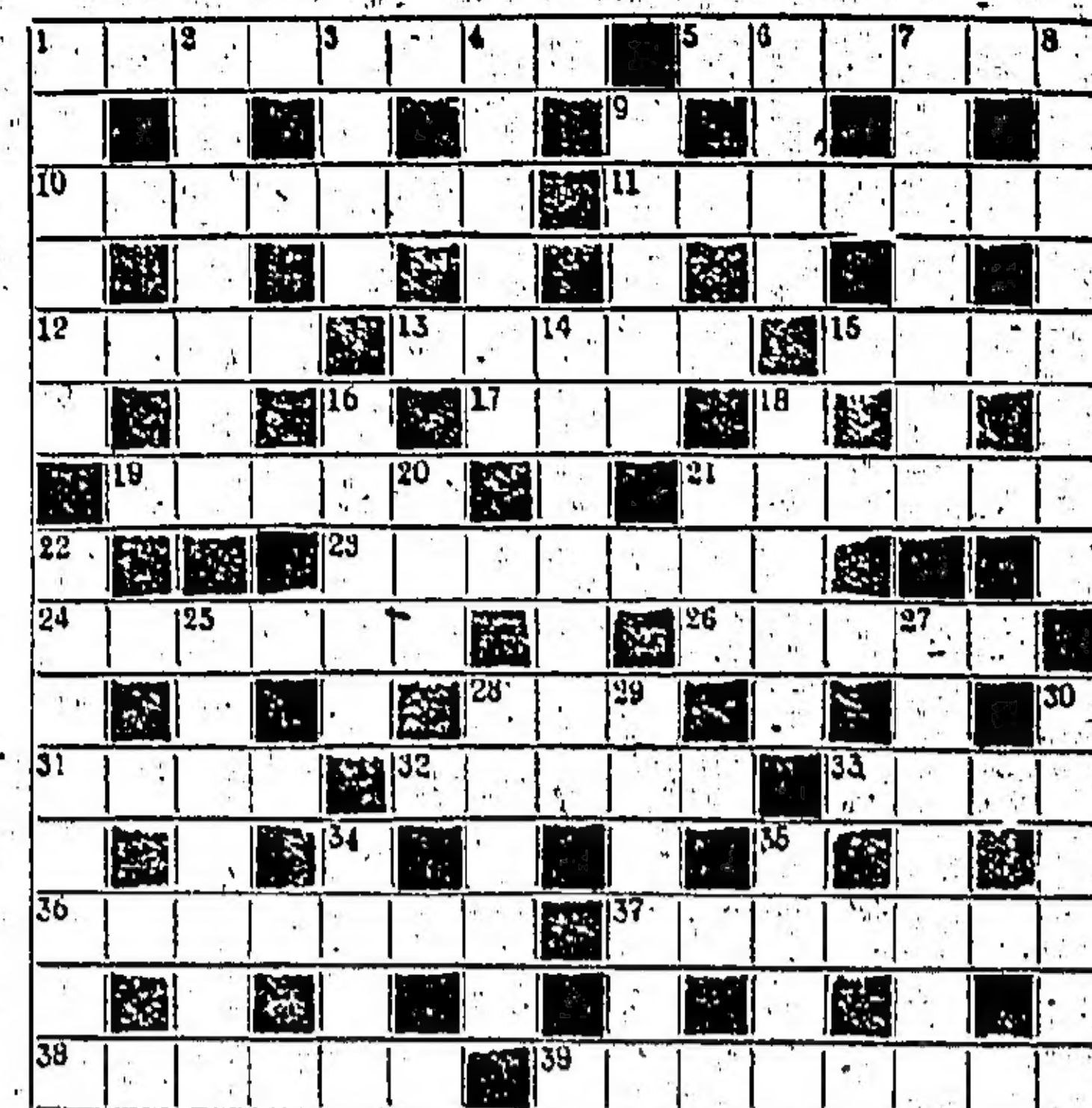
Centre: The breast stroke is accomplished by swinging the

arms from a position straight before the face to the sides, curving them back into place before the face. The foot movement consists in drawing up the knees and kicking the feet out. This is excellent for leg exercises.

Bottom: The back stroke is an excellent morning workout. Turn onto your back and use the over head Australian crawl in reverse, pedalling the feet up and down. Be sure to keep your knees straight and stiff.

These exercises are not only excellent for preserving all the line and litheness you have achieved this summer, but they will do much to help a stout person lose a few pounds, and in the right places.

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Across.

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- 3 Here a familiar quadruped is in a bog.
- 10 When in this a car won't travel far.
- 11 Provided your balance is right you may draw most of this.
- 12 A short test of knowledge.
- 13 Take nothing from this bend and it will cease.
- 15 This bird will boast and make plenty of noise if you leave it undisturbed.
- 17 A nomenclature handle.
- 19 Cats—water.
- 21 Those of Tacitus were concerned with Roman affairs.
- 23 Sinning that is largely humbug.
- 24 The party "is led a" long way round the Cathedral transept and choir (anag.).
- 26 This county town is not famous for its horse race.
- 28 The setting of the jewel to which, in childhood's days, we likened a tiny astral body.
- 31 Practical skill keeps this Devon river going.
- 32 Though neither rain nor snow, there is much needed shelter here.
- 33 A wager, may help.
- 36 Where certain well-known pippins come from.
- 37 This country seems to be pretty full of sailors.
- 38 Much will go through this clue. Don't give it up.
- 39 A vagrant in the van is insulted.

Down.

- 1 2500—and nearly all money.
- 2 Garden plant, much eaten, cooked, in the spring.

3 Dreadful.

- 4 Everyone runs into items at an auction and parcels out.
- 6 Frank.
- 7 Aquariums.
- 8 A little animal begins to be clamorous.
- 9 In his time he plays many parts.
- 14 Bakers do not sell this kind of cake.
- 16 An open-hearted heavy drinker.
- 19 Write in a book.
- 20 Bolshevik.
- 21 This is completely in hand.
- 22 "Ragel rend!" (anag.)
- 25 Thrown far and wide out of a red west.
- 27 A horse with a very short tail.
- 28 Here an insect winds up on a slope.
- 29 This day is gone for ever.
- 30 Stopped.
- 34 Dagonet was a famous one.
- 35 A peculiar lily.

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10.00 p.m. European programme. Classical Memories.
Debroy Somers Band. 9901.
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THE ENSEMBLE.

[By Moma Clarke.]

A flair for clothes has nothing to do with a taste in dress. The one is a sensuous gift, the other an acquired talent.

A woman who has a feeling for clothes will look attractive even though she may have but ten pounds a year to spend on them. She will know intuitively what colours to choose, what styles suit her, and, above all, she will know how to wear everything she puts on, so that it is a part of her personality.

Personality. She may be untidy, she may be plain, her taste may be faulty, but it will be personal, and people will invariably mix up that personality with everything she wears and like or dislike her style.

If this natural feeling be educated, trained, it may result in something very beautiful, since a well-dressed woman who has natural feeling for beauty behind her fashionable exterior, is a perfect specimen of sophisticated beauty, and passes for that ambiguous thing, a woman of the world, armed cap-a-pie to fight her own battles.

This achievement is not to be despised. It exacts many a virtue praised by saints and moralists. It entails self-denial, devotion to a

cause, energy, constant watchfulness. There may be no sloth, no weakness, appetites must be restrained, manners must be watched over with pitiless care.

The mind of the faultlessly turned out woman has to be up and doing all the time.

She has, too, to guard her personality jealously. Hosts of wicked dressmakers will try to rob her of it. If she be wise she flouts them and follows her own lead, only taking from them such things as she knows her personality requires.

There is a woman in London who is small and brown and dark haired, with no claim to beauty of feature or complexion (not that that matters in these brave days), who dresses with feeling on a very small income. The moment she goes into a room where there are people they turn to look at her. Intelligent people pay tribute to her taste and courage. Unintelligent people call her peculiar.

True to Herself. But everyone looks at her, and artists know that she has been true to herself. She wears the simplest clothes, she puts on very little make-up, but she has distinction, that indefinable thing which may not be bought and cannot be acquired.

When a woman is so gifted by the fairies as to have a feeling for clothes and the personality to express it, she is true to the call of

the ensemble, not merely of dress, coat, and hat, but of make-up, to the last thread, hair, tip of a finger, toe of a shoe, brush of eyebrow, dab of powder puff.

She knows herself so well that she is not led into passing extravagances, though she follows fashion as closely as her taste and feeling permit (waiting always upon her purse).

The wisdom of this doctrine is seen when middle age arrives. The years are dominated by the personality, and style in dress grows up with them as they accumulate.

No Sentimentality. There is no sentimentality about the woman with a feeling for clothes.

She never makes the mistake of trying to dress like her daughter.

She is too wise, too proud, too humorous to do that.

Besides, she is herself, unmistakably herself, and asks to be nothing better. But she does take care of herself.

She does all the things which science and art invite her to do, to keep her personality charming to the eye as well as to the mind. She neglects no opportunity of doing this, and she is not in the least offended when people treat her as a middle-aged woman, since she knows how to give to middle age all the beauty of a full blown rose, perfect as in the bud, but different.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 1930.

**GOVERNMENT SALARY
PROBLEM.**

Whilst yesterday's debate on the Budget did not result in the Government withdrawing or modifying any of its taxation proposals, it at any rate produced one gratifying outcome. We refer, of course, to the announcement made by H. E. the Governor that the recent increases made to sterling-paid officers are to be revised so as to reduce the aggregate sum by close on four lakhs of dollars. This is to be done by paying half of the salaries at 1s. 6d. and the other half at the current rate. Expressed in other terms, the effect will be to knock off almost five per cent. from the recent increases, so long as the dollar remains at its present level. Even so, however, the Civil Servants affected will have little, if anything, at which to complain, for they will still enjoy a very substantial advance in pay as compared with conditions prevailing before the Salary Commission's Report was adopted. Moreover, if the dollar should go to 1s. 6d. or beyond, the reduction now foreshadowed will disappear. We have described this revision of sterling-paid salaries as gratifying, because it justifies the severe criticism encountered on all hands when the Government forced through the increases in the face of united unofficial opposition, and because those newspapers which have fought the public's battle have been vindicated. It would, indeed, appear as if the Government has been experiencing qualms of conscience in the matter. At any rate, we have heard more than one Civil Servant frankly confess that there was never any call for marked increases in the emoluments of the higher-paid officials. The concession now made to popular opinion, acceptable though it is, cannot, however, be expected to induce any undue jubilation on the part of the taxpayer. With no resultant relief from taxation, his position is not made any the better because Civil Servants are not to receive quite as much pay as they have been latterly. The four lakhs saved is not to be applied to lessening the burden of taxation: it will merely make the estimated deficit smaller than was budgeted for. In other words, a sop has been thrown to the public, from which at the moment the public will enjoy no advantage. On the general question of Civil Servants' salaries, we are left to

wonder when, if ever, there will be any finality about the method of payment. Schemes almost without end have been tried, but circumstances are for ever arising which make them inapplicable to prevailing conditions. The point we wish to stress is that this will always be the case so long as we tolerate a system by which, as one of the Unofficials yesterday expressed it, we suffer the finances of the Colony to fluctuate with the caprice of exchange. The dollar question, as we remarked yesterday, lies at the root of the whole of the Government's troubles, and of the troubles of most of the Colony's business houses as well. A stabilised dollar would automatically rule out all this tinkering with Government salaries which is an ever-recurring feature of the financial problems of the Colony.

It strikes us as astounding that neither when the Budget was introduced nor during yesterday's debate was there one solitary reference from official sources to the question of currency reform. Moreover, only two of our Unofficial members touched on the dollar issue—Mr. Lauder, who appeared to reconcile himself to increased taxation because the Government's gold commitments have to be paid for in silver; and Mr. Tso, who did get down to essentials when he urged that the Government should leave no stone unturned in considering the feasibility of stabilising our currency at an early date. We are well aware of the fact that opinions differ on the question of stabilisation, but there is no diversity of view on the point that the Colony is suffering economic sickness. In ordinary life, when a man is ill and there is a conflict of opinion as to the wisest treatment, it is customary to call in a specialist. That is what Hongkong needs to-day: There are experts available—one of them, Sir Otto Niemeyer, is at present in New Zealand and could easily call here on the way home—who can diagnose our troubles and prescribe the correct remedy. We are surprised that no-one, during yesterday's debate, advocated that the financial genius named should be invited to give this Colony the benefit of his skill and knowledge. So long as this dollar problem remains unsolved, so long will Hongkong be the victim of a set of circumstances which of necessity increases the difficulties of Government and of business establishments alike.

An Epochal Flight.

Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith's estimate of his flight from England to Australia—the best he has ever done—is not far from an obvious truth, although he has a whole series of brilliant achievements to his credit. An Atlantic flight is undoubtedly more hazardous, even in these days of aircraft efficiency, but it requires a steady burst for 30 hours or so, and either one gets over or one does not. The Australia trip requires a long sustained effort spread over many days, with remarkable variations of weather and topographical conditions and Kingsford Smith's solo exploit which has produced a record of ten days for the journey has a claim to be regarded as the most superb long distance flight in the history of aviation. In all he covered slightly over 10,400 miles. The time taken is officially stated to have been 10 days, 2 hours and 10 minutes. In other words, Kingsford Smith equalled the performance possible to an express train travelling day and night at fifty miles an hour without a single stop, over the same route. Such a comparison brings home more effectively the real implications of the adventure, and incidentally contains a wonderful tribute to the small single seater Avro-Avian machine which bore the strain so magnificently as to give Kingsford Smith not a moment of anxiety. Of Kingsford Smith, the man, little need be said. His skill and endurance had been proved over and over again before his departure on this epochal flight. He has merely added to an already profuse collection of laurels.

DAY BY DAY

WHEN WIDOWS EXCLAIM LOUDLY AGAINST SECOND MARRIAGES, I WOULD ALWAYS LAY A WAGER THAT THE MAN, IF NOT THE WEDDING DAY, IS ABSOLUTELY FIXED ON. — Henry Fielding.

His Excellency Sir Cecil and Lady Clement left Singapore by the P. and O. Malwa on leave.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington and Mrs. Wellington left by the s.s. President Grant to-day.

The Empress of Japan, which left Hongkong on 2nd October, arrived at Vancouver on the 17th October.

Mrs. F. D. Courtney, wife of the Manager of the National City Bank of New York, was amongst the passengers who arrived here by the s.s. President Lincoln.

It is announced that the "Empress of Canada" previously scheduled to sail from Hongkong on October 22nd, is now posted to sail on Thursday, October 23rd at midnight.

Mr. B. Sugars was fined \$5 by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving a car without a rear-light. He said he had written to the I.G.P. and tendered an apology.

A returned banishee was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with 20 strokes of the cane, by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. He was banished in February 1928 for ten years.

Mr. Koo Ying-fan, Chief Secretary of the National Government, State Council, and former Finance Minister in Canton, passed through Hongkong last evening for Canton. There is a rumour that he may be appointed Civil Governor of Kwangtung. Mr. Koo arrived here on the President Lincoln.

A Chinese case of diphtheria was reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday. The return showing the number of cases of notifiable diseases occurring in the Colony during the week ended October 18, discloses three cases of diphtheria (one death), six cases of typhoid, one imported (one death), one death from puerperal fever, and five deaths from influenza, which is not notifiable.

In view of the fact that St. Andrew's Club is giving two plays in aid of V.D.M.A. Funds, on the same evening, the Concert arranged by the Kowloon Branch of the Helena May Institute for Friday, October 24th, has been postponed, and will take place on November 5th on the Kowloon Cricket Club grounds in connexion with the Garden Fete. Further announcements will appear shortly. —Adv.

GILBERT FRANKAU on THE LATEST LUNACY.

THE latest lunacy, which emanates from Paris in the form of a small yellow circular, proclaims the foundation of "Anonyma"—a society for the publication of anonymous works. To cultivate the "1930 soul," we are told, the artist must rid himself once and for all of vanity. And how can he ever rid himself of vanity so long as his work is known by his own name.

Even granting the thesis that vanity is the bane of some artists, the lack of that particular quality proves a man or woman to be no artist at all.

The artist—and whether he be an artist in paint or words, or marble, or music, is immaterial to the argument—is of necessity an egoist. His devotion to his job may appear selfless. But in its essence it is a devotion to self.

Every "masterless man," as Kipling calls him, is of the nature of a lens—and behind that lens, which is the creative perception, technique (only another name for hard work) makes clear its picture of things seen creatively to the non-creative mind.

The artist's job, therefore—unlike the scientist's, the welfare worker's, or even the skilled craftsman's—is primarily the shaping of that lens. In other words, the shaping of his or her own mind to the main purpose for which Nature has fitted it.

A supreme artist at my own job of novel-writing, for instance will preserve, even in his or her most emotional moments, the objective vision. Whatever the circumstance in which he or she finds themselves, he or she will never be entirely "carried away."

This, I realise, is a hard saying—implying as it does that your supreme artist is a supreme abnormality; a being who never quite yields his ego to the fears, the hates, the loves or the passions of average humanity. Yet the saying, I believe, is supremely true. A king may "count the world well lost for love." And various kings have done so. But no great painter, no great poet, no great musician ever gave up painting, or poetry, or music for the sake of a woman. He painted the woman, or wrote poetry, or composed music about her instead.

The same argument, too, applies to money. Nearly all the world's best artistic work—though some highbrows seek to deny this—has been done for money. Yet no amount of money would have persuaded any of the world's great artists to give up his art.

He might have promised to do so. But the promise, no sooner given, would have been broken. Because even though the technique (or work) had been temporarily abandoned, the lens (or creative perception) would have gone on functioning. "For all this money," the

artist we are trying to imagine would have said to himself, "I am still I."

And it is because no artist, even a minor one, can avoid, in the final issue, that "I am still I": because whatever happens to him he must focus the whole world through the lens of his own ego before he can apply his technique to the interpretation of it, that any attempt to make art anonymous is doomed to fail.

Every human being, whatever his or her work, craves, both consciously and subconsciously, recognition for that work. Even in a gaol over which I went (unofficially, after several refusals from those in authority) for the sole purpose of securing accuracy in a word-picture of prison conditions, the Governor told me that he found, after long experience, that it was "kinder" not to call men by their numbers.

"They like it," he said, "when I call them by their names." And deeply as this instinct to be called by one's name is ingrained in the average human being, it is a thousand times more deeply ingrained in the artist. And rightly so, because the artist's name is his trade mark—the sign by which all may know that he does good work.

The only excuse, indeed, that any artist can have for not signing his work is that he feels ashamed of it. In which case—unless the money it will bring is vital to him for bare subsistence—that bad work is better destroyed.

For in every artist there must be not only a great egotism, but a great pride. And once deny that pride, once allow even the most supreme artist the camouflage of anonymity—and you will have unbuckled the main spur by which Nature is always driving him to "beat himself."

The "anonymists"—whom one must presume to exist since one has received their circular—may deny this; may even pretend that truth lies in the story of the young painter who, asked why he did such marvellous work for such low prices, answered, "So that, later on, I may do mediocre work for enormous ones."

But that is only the cynic's outlook; and although satire, also, is an art (much though present-day taste abhors it) cynicism alone never yet made a true satirist; who must see the tragedy as well as the comedy of life; and, equally with the romanticist, through the lens of his own self.

It can be argued, indeed, and with some reason, that the individual ego is the driving-force behind all good work; and that even the most selfless human being is at heart a self-advertiser. But whether this be so or not, the fact remains—

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STRAITS DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION.

STRONG UNOFFICIAL PROTESTS.

GOVERNOR TO DISCUSS WITH LORD PASSFIELD.

COUNCIL REFORM.

Singapore, Oct. 13. An important statement on the Military Contribution question was made during the Budget debate in the Legislative Council to-day by H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi, who stated that whilst Home on leave he would discuss the whole matter with Lord Passfield.

Addressing the Council, H.E. the Governor said:—Before the debate on the Colonial Secretary's motion continues, I wish to explain briefly to the Council why no official statement has so far been made concerning the Colony's military contribution. You will all remember that the unofficial members of this Council presented to my predecessor, Sir Hugh Clifford, on July 12, 1928, a memorandum on this subject. Sir Hugh sent it on the 16th of the same month to Mr. Amery, then Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Many Representations.

Subsequently, when Lord Passfield took over the seals of the Colonial Office, Sir Hugh, on June 9, 1929, addressed him at length about the Colony's military contribution. Later in the same year, the Hon. Mr. Bagnall at a meeting of this Council, held on Oct. 28, 1929, made a speech on this matter, a copy of which was forwarded to Lord Passfield on November 26, 1929, by Mr. Scott, then administering the Government of the Straits Settlements. I too addressed Lord Passfield on the subject on May 21 last.

Honourable members will, however, realise that the question of the Colony's military contribution is bound up with that of the naval base now under construction in the Johore Strait. His Majesty's Government is discussing with the representatives of the Dominions at the Imperial Conference, now sitting in London, the future policy with respect to the Singapore naval base; and, until a final decision on that point is taken, no authoritative reply to the memorandum of the unofficial members can be expected.

To be Discussed Shortly.

Lord Passfield, however, wrote to Sir Hugh Clifford on August 29, 1929, that he would do his best for the Straits Settlements in the matter of the military contribution; and in a letter, dated September 30 last, begged His Lordship to allow me to discuss this very important subject fully with him, when I arrive in England next month.

I trust, therefore, that my unofficial friends in this Council will permit the matter to remain in statu quo a little longer until I have had an opportunity of pleading the Colony's cause in person at the Colonial Office.

Unofficial Reply.

Mr. P. M. Robinson, replying to the Governor's statement regarding the military contribution, said that it was unnecessary to repeat at that stage all the arguments which had been used both inside and outside the Council to show that the amount the Colony was being asked to pay as a defence contribution was not in accordance with the law.

The unofficial members' attitude towards that defence contribution was well understood and the Government was well aware of what it was and of all the facts concerned. Sir Hugh Clifford made strong representations on the subject on the Colony's behalf and the speaker understood that Sir Cecil also was in sympathy with the public feeling of the Colony on the subject.

Wave of Indignation.

When the law under which the Colony was being asked to pay was first forced upon the Colony by the use of the official majority the unofficial members resigned their seats. They protested against the use of any words which could possibly be construed as binding the Colony to pay for the Imperial Naval Base and its defences. Mr. Chamberlain, who knew, if anyone did, what the law was meant to provide, said that the Colony's expression of fears was groundless and that the protest was unnecessary.

The Colony took the word of the Home Government, and therefore it was not surprising that a wave of indignation swept throughout the Colony when it was discovered that they were being charged—until the Colony found it out—for the very things for which Mr.

VIGOROUS RAP FOR KUOMINTANG.

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former city. Part of these contingents later left for Peking.

Following a simple ceremony, General Yu Hsieh-zung, the Manchurian officer commanding the Peking and Tientsin expedition, was formally installed to the post of Garrison Commander of Peking and Tientsin. The ceremony took place this morning and was presided over by Mr. Wu Te-chen, the Nanking political envoy to Manchuria. Other representatives of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, General Chang Hsueh-liang and of the Nanking and Manchurian Governments were also present.

General Resigns. General Tsoi Ting-kai, the General-Officer commanding the 60th Nationalist Division, (Kwangtung), has caused great surprise in Nanking political circles by tendering his resignation. This act is the more unexpected when it is considered that the 60th and 61st Nationalist Divisions, which are under the actual command of General Chan Ming-shu, (the Canton Governor), have to their credit much meritorious service, during the recent war against the Shansi-Kuomintang alliance.

These two Divisions were the first to enter Tsinanfu, thus receiving the substantial reward of \$200,000 each from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. The Nanking Government has sent an official letter to General Tsoi at Shanghai asking him to remain at his post and return to Kwangtung. His resignation is known to be connected with recent political events in Canton.

Part of General Tsoi Ting-kai's forces has arrived at Hankow, while over five thousand units of the 61st Division are also concentrating at Hankow, awaiting entrainment for Hunan Province.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	123.87½	123.825
Geneva.....	25.02	25.04
Berlin.....	20.43	20.405
Oslo.....	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors.....	193.4	193.4
Athens.....	375	375
Buenos Aires.....	48.4	38.13/16
Shanghai.....	1/7¼	1/7¼
New York.....	4.86	4.86 1/32
Amsterdam.....	12.07	12.06 3/32
Stockholm.....	18.09½	18.055
Vienna.....	34.45½	34.425
Madrid.....	48.60	46.85
Bucharest.....	818	818
Montevideo.....	39¼	39.7/16
Hongkong.....	1/3.9/16	1/3¼
Brussels.....	34.84½	34.845
Milan.....	92.79½	92.805
Copenhagen.....	18.16	18.16
Frankfurt.....	163¼	163¼
Rio.....	108.25	108.25
Lisbon.....	1/5.13/16	1/5.25/32
Bombay.....	2/0½	2/0½
Yokohama.....	2/0½	2/0½
Silver (spot & forward).....	169.16	169.16

—British Wireless.

Chamberlain had said the Colony should not be charged.

In answer to the unanimous protest of the Colony the Home Government said it attached the very meaning to the words of the Ordinance which it had said would not be attached, and to the possibility of which attention had been drawn by the Colony.

Solid Mass of Public Opinion.

Proceeding, Mr. Robinson, after referring to the remarkable degree of trust between the people and the Government, went on to say that he spoke on behalf of the whole of the unofficial members, and behind that they had a solid mass of public opinion. It was sometimes thought the unofficials should content themselves with lodging their protest, but he felt that the sands were running out, and that the people of the Colony could not be asked to submit indefinitely to that imposition year after year.

It was impossible to believe that the authorities at Home could realise the state of the feeling which had been aroused in the Colony. Because hitherto the unofficials had confined themselves to protests he (the speaker) would be sorry to think that the Home authorities were misled into feeling that there would be no repetition of what happened previously.

Unofficial Majority.

There was a very great danger of the relations between the Government and the people being so severely strained that it might tax all the ingenuity of the authorities to deal with it. There was already a demand for the reform of the constitution, and he (the speaker) felt certain that the incident of the military contribution would add very considerably to the demand.

Speaking on the motion for the adjournment the Hon. Mr. Tan Cheng Lock advocated the constitutional reform of the Council by the election of an unofficial majority, instancing the ignoring of the unofficial opinion in connexion with the Defence Contribution as a point in favour of the change.

Replying H.E. the Governor said he did not wish to discuss the matter then, but added that such an expression would add weight in his interview with Lord Passfield.

NOTED SOCIALIST IN HONGKONG.

M. VANDERVELDE ARRIVES ON VISIT.

PEACE OF EUROPE.

Accompanied by his wife, M. Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist ex-Minister for Foreign Affairs and President of the Second International, arrived here to-day aboard the s.s. President Lincoln. M. Vandervelde is at present on a tour of the Far East, and recently in Nanking, on the invitation of the Government, he addressed students on the Socialist movement.

In the course of a speech at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai recently, M. Vandervelde said:—"I have the authority of the venerable Thomas Masaryk, founder and President of the Republic of Czechoslovakia, for saying that there will be no prospects for another world war for the next quarter of a century."



half of a century. He points out that Europe to-day finds herself in a situation similar to the situation prevailing at the conclusion of the Napoleonic wars. The people are, in view of the exhaustion of their resources, incapable of bearing the burden of another war. In brief, the inflammable material essential to the creation of another war is lacking, occasional outbreaks of hostilities, in various parts of the world notwithstanding.

Referring to the League of Nations as a powerful instrument for world peace, the speaker regretted the standing aloof of both the United States of America and Soviet Russia, especially when the League had already achieved a good record in solid work for anti-opium and sanitary measures and for the amelioration of labour conditions.

Pan-European Union.

Speaking of the plan of a Federation of European Nations (the Pan-European Union), the President of the Second International held the view that while the scheme promised no immediate success, it could do no harm as long as the members of the new Federation did not more than simply confirm pledges already made as members of the League of Nations. He predicted the failure of political democracy in the absence of industrial democracy and voiced the belief that the old international policy of "one people exploiting another people" would give way to the new world policy of "men organizing themselves for greater efficiency to develop the soil and to husband nature."

M. Vandervelde concluded his address with the firm conviction that New China, administered along the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the San Min Chu I, would be a great contribution to the cause of world peace; adding that it would be necessary for the masses to train themselves for participating in this big task.

THE LATEST LUNACY.

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and all artistic history proves it—that the artist who does not crave personal recognition for his work never does any work that is worth the recognising.

Even, moreover, were there to be such an artist, humanity would never tolerate his or her anonymity. For humanity's instinct—once it has learned to appreciate any artistic work—is to discover, and honour, and reward the artistic worker.

As evidence of which it may be mentioned that the original promoters of the moving-picture play omitted to tell the public the names of the actors and actresses. Till the public demanded, and with no uncertain voice either, to know.

A fire alarm was raised in Portland Street, Kowloon, this morning at about 10.45 o'clock. Two fire appliances under Station Superintendent Moss were rushed to the spot, only to find that a small quantity of rubbish stored in No. 42, Portland Street had ignited, the flames having already been extinguished by the inmates.

JEWISH HOPES DASHED.

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Mandatory Power shall be enabled to carry out its obligations to the League of Nations, including any legislation urgently required, as well as the maintenance of order.

Regarding economic and social development, the statement says definitely that as the present time and with the present methods of Arab cultivation there remains no margin of land available for agricultural settlement for new immigrants with the exception of such undeveloped land as the various Jewish agencies hold in reserve.

Little Vacant Land.

It is an error to suppose that the Palestine Government possess large areas of vacant land which could be made available for Jewish settlement. The extent of their unoccupied land is negligible.

The provision of a margin available for settlement depends upon the progress made in increasing the productivity of the land already occupied. It is pointed out that a wide area of at least one hundred and thirty dunams is required to maintain a fellah family in a decent state of life in the unirrigated tracts. The whole of the cultivable land in the country, excluding the area already in the hands of Jews, would, were it divided among the existing Arab cultivators, provide an average holding of not more than ninety dunams.

Of 86,980 rural Arab families in villages, 29.4 per cent. are landless. The condition of the Arab fellah leaves much to be desired and a policy of land development is called for if an improvement in his conditions of life is to be effected. The sole agencies which have pursued a consistent policy of land development have been the Jewish colonisation organisations, public and private. Jewish settlers have every advantage of capital, science and organisation. To these and to the energy of settling themselves their remarkable progress is due.

Arab Losses.

On the other hand the Arab population, while lacking the advantages enjoyed by Jewish settlers, has, by an excess of births over deaths, increased with great rapidity, while the land available for its sustenance has decreased by about one million dunams. This area has passed into Jewish hands.

Some of the attempts which have been made to prove that Zionist colonisation has not had the effect of causing the previous tenants of land acquired to join the landless class, have, on examination, proved to be unconvincing, if not fallacious, and it is recalled that the terms of the mandate require that in facilitating Jewish immigration and settlement, the administration must ensure that the rights and the position of the other sections of the population are not prejudiced.

Economic Issue.

The Government considers that to this end more methodical agricultural development is required. If the immigration of Jews results in preventing the Arab population from obtaining the work necessary for its maintenance, or if Jewish unemployment unfavourably affects the general labour position, it is clearly the duty of the Mandatory Power under the Mandate to reduce, or if necessary, to suspend such immigration until the employed position of the other sections is improved.

The Government regard the suspension of immigration under the labour schedule of last May as fully justified.

The Statement adds that hasty decision in regard to a more unrestricted Jewish immigration is to be strongly deprecated, not only from the point of view of the interests of the Palestine population, as a whole but even from the special point of view of the Jewish community.

Arab Suspicion.

So long as a widespread suspicion exists, and it does exist, amongst the Arab population that the economic depression under which they undoubtedly suffer at present is largely due to excessive Jewish immigration and so long as some grounds exist on which this suspicion may be plausibly represented to be well founded, there can be little hope of any improvement in the mutual relations of the two races. But it is upon such improvement that the future peace and prosperity of Palestine must largely depend.

It is hoped that changes may be devised in the method of the preparation of the labour schedule, which will tend to promote amicable relations between the Jewish authorities in Palestine and the immigration department, and facilitate an agreed schedule based upon a thorough under-

POLITICAL "WAR" IN THE ETHER.

POLAND GOES BETTER THAN MOSCOW.

RECORD RADIO.

Chelmsford, Sept. 25.

When the world's biggest broadcasting station—more than five times as powerful as anything possessed by Britain—was secretly tested to-night for the first and last time at the Marconi Company's works here, the strength was so colossal that more than 90 per cent. of the energy radiated had to be short-circuited to earth by an artificial aerial.

If this precaution had not been taken, listeners in Great Britain and most of Western Europe would have been deafened by the terrific volume of sound.

As it was, the transmitter could be worked for a short while only, because the power which it took from the mains was so great that every machine and motor on the works was stopped and some of the lights had to be turned out.

Shouting Down "Reds."

Within a few days the huge transmitter, which has taken months to build, will be pulled to pieces and packed up in wooden crates ready for shipping to Raslin, near Warsaw, where the Polish Broadcasting Company hope to have it reassembled in time to begin regular broadcasting on Christmas Day.

All Europe, including British listeners, will be able to hear the new station with ease, as it is the intention of the Poles to see that political propaganda sent out from Moscow, Czechoslovakia and other countries is not louder than their own. The idea, in fact, is to enable Poland to shout down her neighbours.

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Six Huge Valves.

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After a protracted meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board for the Holland Division of Lincolnshire held at Spalding it was decided to confirm the reduction in the wages of agricultural workers already decided on, and against which protests had been made by the workers and their leaders.

standing on both sides of the economic needs of the country.

Leading Jew's Protest.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the President of the World Zionist Organisation (since 1920) and of the Jewish Agency, has intimated that he is resigning both offices and is convoking the Congress of both bodies.

In a letter tendering his resignation to Lord Passfield, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Dr. Weizmann expresses dissatisfaction with the Government's new statement of policy, which he declares is, in effect, a profound change in the practice of the 1922 policy.

Dr. Weizmann says that such a policy goes "a long way towards denying the rights and sterilising the hopes of the Jews regarding the National Home in Palestine."

It is noteworthy that Dr. Weizmann was almost entirely responsible for British interest in the establishment of a national home for the Jews. He was a Lecturer in Bio-Chemistry at Manchester University in 1914. In 1916 he was invited to become Director of the Admiralty Laboratories, working there till 1919. In this period he succeeded in interesting Mr. Lloyd George in the Zionist movement, for which he had been working for years.

He declined the first proposal that an autonomous Jewish Colony should be set up in British East Africa, but when the war made it possible to found such a Colony in Palestine, he advocated this plan with the greatest energy, the result being the British Declaration of 1922.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

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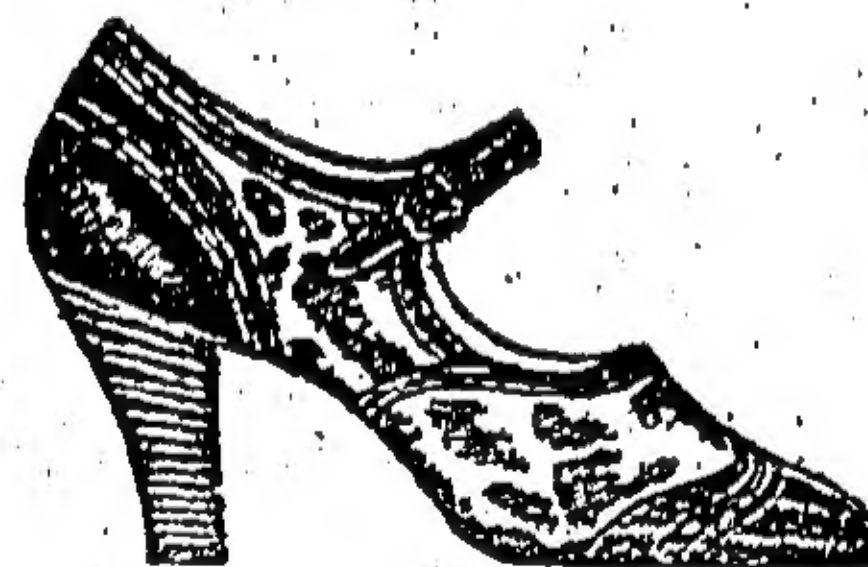
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FAIRY STORIES & SEDITION.

SEQUEL TO MOON CAKE FESTIVAL.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

Anti-Imperialistic passages which were described as bringing the British Government into contempt were contained in books of Chinese fairy stories which were seized by the Police in various parts of the Central District, where they were being sold by numbers of small boys during the Moon Cake festivities.

The lads, it will be remembered, were brought before a Magistrate on charges of distributing literature which had not been passed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and after a warning were discharged with a caution.

In addition, two men were arrested on information from one of the boys, and they were yesterday brought before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court on charges of being in possession of seditious literature and also of distributing literature which had not been passed by the S.C.A.

The first of the two defendants was represented by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Jr. while the second was defended by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall. Both admitted possession only, but pleaded "not guilty" to the second count.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan said that on October 6, seventeen persons, the majority of them boys from 10 to 15 years of age, were arrested in the Central District between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. selling booklets, some of which were found to be objectionable. The boys were taken before the Court and cautioned, but one of the lads took the Police to Tai Yuen Street where he pointed out the first defendant as the man from whom he had obtained the books. A detective questioned the defendant, who indicated that he had no books like those which had been found on the boys, but a bundle of similar literature was found on the man's stall. The first defendant then told the Police that he had bought the books from the Wing Kee Shop of Lower Lascar Row.

A Huge Seizure.

Under a search warrant, Detective Sergeant O'Donovan himself went to the address given, and seized a large quantity of books. The master of the shop (the second defendant) in turn said that he had bought the literature from Canton.

A Chinese detective gave evidence of having arrested the first defendant on the information of one of the boys who had been arrested.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan informed his Worship that from the bundle seized at the first defendant's stall three copies were found to contain seditious passages. Witness admitted, in cross examination, that the three books might have been slipped in among the 500 seized without being detected.

Mr. d'Almada, addressing his Worship at the conclusion of the evidence on the first charge against his client, said that since his client was a licensed book stall holder it was natural for him to buy the books for the moon cake festivals and to buy them in bulk year after year. Only three copies had been found to be seditious, and Mr. d'Almada submitted that the defendant could not have known of their presence in the consignment.

Fairy Story Books.

His client, continued Mr. d'Almada, had instructed him that he had been buying from the second defendant for the past eight years and always sold the books to small boys. He understood that the books contained fairy stories. The first defendant was not the originator of the documents, and had not printed them on his premises.

His Worship remarked that it was quite possible, of course, and very probable, that a man buying a bundle of books would not look at them, but on the other hand there was responsibility on the man buying the books and the defendant had a case to answer.

Mr. d'Almada said that he understood that the books were only bought a few days before the festival and not weeks before, so that the man would not have had much time in which to examine them.

Answering his Worship, who agreed that three copies in a bundle of 500 was a small number, Detective Sergeant O'Donovan remarked that the boy who had given the information had no seditious passages in the books which he was found selling. They were communistic, but not sufficiently so to bring a charge of sedition.

His Worship said that he would register a conviction, but would only caution the first defendant.

Government In Contempt.

Giving evidence in the case against Mr. Rendall's client, Detective Sergeant O'Donovan said that he raided the defendant's premises at 5, Lower Lascar Row, and seized about 7,000 books which the defendant claimed belonged to him. He said that he had imported them from Canton. From the large number seized, six books were picked out as being seditious.

Mr. Rendall cross-examined witness as to what he alleged was seditious in the six books which he had translated. He referred to the first pamphlet, which was entitled "The Old Man in the Moon Acts as Go-between."

Witness pointed out a passage which he described as bringing into contempt England and its Government policy.

Mr. Rendall: You think it cannot be a matter of opinion?

Witness: No, I think there is a certain idea of contempt in that particular extract.

After perusing the passage, his Worship held that it was seditious.

Referring to the second booklet, under the title of "Peacock and Phoenix Sing in Union," Mr. Rendall asked what was seditious in that.

A Party's Policy?

Witness pointed to the words, "to oppose unanimously the gunboat policy of the British Government and overthrow the fierce and malicious British Government."

Mr. Rendall: Doesn't the first outline the policy of one party or the other?

Witness: In my mind there is contempt.

Mr. Rendall: Do you say British policy... Do you say that because you know it is untrue?

Witness: I say it because I think it is written with a certain amount of contempt of the British Government and its general policy. It is to bring it into disrepute.

The translator, when cross examined by Mr. Rendall, said that



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the titles of the booklets were those of well-known stories which were told by fathers to their children. Witness had heard of the story of "Tung Wing Sells his Body," and if he saw that title on a book in a shop he would expect to read of the story told him by his father when he was a boy.

A Press censor of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs gave evidence that the bundles of booklets seized had not been passed by his office. In cross-examination by Mr. Rendall the witness said that if large quantities of books of the same contents were taken to him he would see that they were all the same and initial one copy only.

Answering Mr. Rendall witness said a person would not know whether a certain book had been passed or not. He added that he went through every book that was



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Not Source of Origin.

Addressing his Worship on the charge of distributing pamphlets which had not been passed, Mr. d'Almada said that his client was not the source of the publication of the booklets. He had purchased them and it was not his duty to see that they had been passed by the S.C.A.

His Worship indicated that in that case the buyer ran the risk of being convicted of a technical offence.

Mr. Rendall submitted that there was no evidence against his client on the charge of distributing.

His Worship agreed, but intimated that there would have been if he had taken the cases separately and had put the first defendant into the witness box.

Regarding the first charge against the second defendant, Mr.

Rendall put his client into the witness box. The defendant stated that he did not know the booklets had contained sedition. He had bought them from Canton.

His Worship fined Mr. d'Almada's client \$50 or four weeks' hard labour for distributing pamphlets not passed by the S.C.A., and imposed a fine of \$250 or two months' hard labour on Mr. Rendall's client for possession of seditious literature.

Mr. Rendall remarked that the fine was rather heavy, especially as Mr. d'Almada's client was cautioned. He said that the proportion in his case was even less than in the case of the first defendant.

His Worship indicated that he was taking into consideration the proportion in giving the man the option of a fine, but he regarded the case as more serious against the second defendant because he had been the person who had brought the booklets into the Colony.

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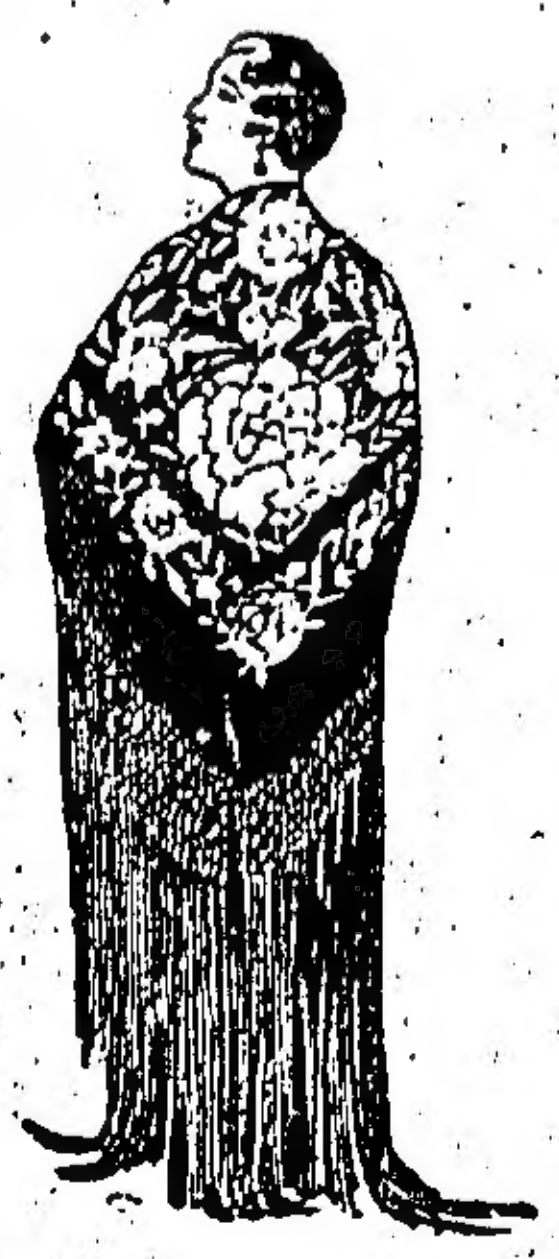
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HEALTH BUREAU CASE PLEADINGS.

"ESTOP" POINT REJECTED BY
THE MAGISTRATE.

The case against Kwok Chun-sing, charged with uttering a forged voucher for \$520, was again before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon. The plea submitted by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Snr., for the defence, that the prosecution was debarred from taking the present proceedings from having on a previous occasion brought a charge similar to forgery, was rejected by the magistrate.

Mr. Lindsell in giving his decision on a legal argument at the last hearing by Mr. D'Almada said: "I hold that the prosecution is not debarred by Section 17 (2) of the Forgery Ordinance (No. 13 of 1922) from bringing the present charge against the defendant."

"That Section is clearly based on Section 19 of the Forgery Act of 1913. Neither the Act nor the Ordinance was intended to be a complete code including the whole law relating to forgery, and neither repealed, in full, earlier enactments on the same subject."

"In this case, I am satisfied that the Sub-Section under review is no more than a 'saving' one; indeed, that it is definitely labelled as such, i.e., it merely reserves to the Crown the right, where the offence amounts to forgery which is punishable under some other enactment as well as under the above Act or Ordinance, has been committed, to take proceedings under either statute or even under both in the alternative at its discretion."

"The Sub-Section is not intended to help the accused by forcing the prosecution to elect, but rather to make things easier for the prosecution. Hence, I am of the opinion that Mr. D'Almada's argument is beside the point. It amounts to a little more than this: on the wording the prosecution is compelled to elect, and having elected, it proceeds on a charge akin to Forgery under the Larceny Ordinance. It cannot now take new proceedings under the Forgery Ordinance. This is an attempt to drag in a plea of *autrefois acquit* in disguise, and cannot be sustained. It remains for the Court to proceed with the case on its merits."

Plea of "Not Guilty."

Mr. F. X. D'Almada: I plead not guilty now. My client desires to be committed, to go before a jury. Opening his case for the complainant, Siow Choon-leng, Mr. M. K. Lo said: The defendant is charged with uttering a forged document, namely, a voucher purported to be signed by one T. K. Leung. Before I go into the actual evidence of the forgery or uttering, I would like, in opening, just to mention certain facts which, I submit, are facts which go in one way to constitute corroborative evidence of the forgery and uttering, and also, in another sense, are circumstantial evidence of the offence itself.

Defendant was at one time employed as an assistant. Afterwards he was promoted to the position of Manager. The complainant is the proprietor of the whole of the business of the Health Service Intelligence Bureau, which has branches in various places. For the success of the venture it is absolutely imperative that what might be called departmental rules and regulations be carried out. In other words, he has very strict written instructions to the heads of the various branches as to how people are to be engaged and as to office routine generally.

In October, 1929, whilst defendant was thus Manager of the Hongkong Branch, he wrote a letter to the complainant in Shanghai for a loan of \$450. Eventually, the complainant replied, refusing to give that loan. In the meantime, on December 8th, defendant, apparently owing to force of circumstances, paid himself the \$450 and wrote to complainant that he was very sorry to hear he would not allow him to have the loan, but that he could not help himself. He had to have the money, but he hoped to pay it back by instalments, or something of that sort.

The complainant came to the Colony on May 17 of this year. He then proceeded to check the various books and found that, on April 9, there were two rather curious entries in the ledger. On the credit side there was an entry of "Received from Mr. Kwok, \$400." Defendant is supposed thus to have repaid the business \$400. On the same date there was another entry of "Salary to canvasser, \$520."

On the facts, I shall invite your Worship to draw the inference that, on April 9, there was no money at all passed for either item; that there was no such payment of \$400 by Mr. Kwok or payment of \$520 to a canvasser; and that the whole thing is a book entry, the result of which was to enable the defendant to have an extra \$120.

The complainant will tell you that, as late as October, 1929, written instructions were given to the defendant as to how to engage people. Every member of the staff

SHANSI NOW IN A SAD PLIGHT.

ECONOMIC SITUATION
GETTING WORSE.

Peking, Oct. 20.

A message from Taiyuanfu states that Marshal Feng Yuxiang arrived there on October 14 and left almost immediately with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, in order to meet Marshal Yen Hsi-shan. All returned to Taiyuanfu on the evening of October 15.

It is reported at Taiyuanfu that General Shih Yu-san has disarmed a number of the Shansi troops hence the southern border of the province is unguarded. The Shansi forces are returning from Shichiaochuang towards the South, and all the motor buses in South Shansi have been commandeered for the transport of troops.

The economic situation in Shansi is continually growing worse. The provincial banknotes are practically worthless, and the post office, railway and telegraph offices all demand payment in silver.

The farmers are holding up grain as they will not sell it for Shansi notes. The result is that prices are soaring, despite the best harvest for many years, and there is a serious undercurrent of discontent.—*Reuter*.

Still Fighting.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.

Fighting is still reported to be taking place in the vicinity of Tungkwang, between the Government troops under Yang Fucheng and Kuominchun forces.

A Nanking message makes an official announcement that Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to Chiang Kai-shek that he is sending additional Manchurian troops within the Great Wall so as to assist in the maintenance of peace and order in Chihli.

The surrender of Sun Lien-chung, an important Kuominchun commander, and his troops, has been accepted by Nanking.—*Reuter*.

had to sign an elaborate agreement of service, with photos attached. Defendant acknowledged these instructions and said he would carry them out. That was in October 1928. This year, in February, before his arrival, complainant instructed the defendant that, thereafter, he was to pay nobody, of to incur any expenditure, without special sanction of the person who was then on his way down to Hongkong to supervise the business, namely, Mr. Sedick. In fact, that letter was given by Mr. Sedick to defendant, and there was an acknowledgment of the receipt of instructions which defendant gave to Mr. Sedick.

A Mythical Person.

I will draw your Worship's attention to this curious fact, that the defendant was supposed to have paid in April a lump sum representing eight months' salary to a person supposed to be employed as a canvasser. That is a fact which has never occurred in the history of the business of this organization. No-one has ever heard of it. It has never been suggested that it was done before. This payment was made after Mr. Sedick's arrival in Hongkong without Mr. Sedick's knowledge, consent or concurrence. Complainant will tell your Worship that he has never heard of a person named T. K. Leung as a canvasser or any other person. People in complainant's firm have never heard of this person or spoken to him. This person, I submit, is an entirely mythical person. There is no T. K. Leung at all. I would also have been entitled to ask your Worship to find on that circumstantial evidence that there is no such person as T. K. Leung, and, consequently, that any voucher bearing this supposed signature must be necessarily forged.

Since the start of previous proceedings with which your Worship is not concerned, as a result of enquiries conducted by complainant, he was able to find a man called Chan Ming-fat, who was employed at the Canadian Railways and who was a friend of the defendant. He will tell your Worship that some time in April, he had a conversation with the defendant, in the course of which the defendant told him a story of this very curious fact, that he had ordered some of the office furniture on behalf of the complainant for which he had paid \$20 out of his own pocket.

A voucher which defendant said attested to that purchase had been mislaid, that in view of his new and changed relationship with the complainant, he (the defendant) said he did not see why the office should not have paid for this furniture. He asked Mr. Chan to sign this slip as a voucher for the furniture. This witness will tell your Worship that he did sign the printed form of the document with the name of T. K. Leung.

He volunteered to type the particulars on it, but defendant said it was not necessary.

Finally, Mr. Lo said the document, signed by Chan Ming-fat,

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After Chan Ming-fat had given corroborative evidence the case was adjourned until Monday.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.
Mr. T. V. Soong is leaving tomorrow, October 21, for Canton by the s.s. Empress of France, on a short visit of inspection, and will return north before the end of the month.—*Reuter*.



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Mr. H. J. Armstrong watched the proceedings on behalf of the Standard Oil Company and Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicol prosecuted.

Mr. Pearne said that on the morning of September 24 at about 9.40, o'clock, he was riding his motor cycle, with his sister on the pillion, along Nathan Road going towards the ferry. When he approached the Po Hing Theatre he noticed that the road was under repair and he accordingly slowed down. He noticed a Standard Oil Company truck in front and sounded his horn as he wanted to overtake. The truck was going slowly and it swerved to the left. Thinking that that was a signal to pass, though the driver had not put out his hand, he proceeded to pass the truck. While he was passing, the truck suddenly swerved to the right and hit the motor cycle in the middle on the left side. He noticed the driver "sky larking" with another passenger on the front seat. Witness' sister was badly hurt and the motor cycle was also badly damaged. The driver did not give a signal for turning nor did he sound his horn.

The defendant said that he did not hear the complainant sound his horn. He could not account for the accident but all he could say was that the complainant ran into the truck from behind.

The complainant.—No, you ran into me when I was passing.
 The defendant.—I could not have run into you because you were behind me.
 The complainant said that the truck first went to the left and naturally he took that as a signal to pass.

Mr. Armstrong.—It is customary for a driver to put out his hand when he wants to give a signal for anyone to pass?

The complainant.—But he did not put out his hand.

Mr. Armstrong.—Then you should not have tried to pass. Addressing Mr. Butters, Mr. Armstrong said it was quite possible that the complainant had contributed to the accident by his own negligence.

The complainant, in reply to further questions, said that he was about eight or ten yards behind the lorry. He accelerated when he made up his mind to pass. There were two passengers in the truck and they were laughing and joking with the driver. He was in no particular hurry to get to the ferry.

Mrs. Reynolds gave corroborative evidence, but said that she did not know whether the driver of the truck knew that they wanted to pass.

Eye-Witness's Story.

Mrs. E. C. Britto, an eye-witness of the accident, said that she saw the lorry going towards the ferry with the motor cycle following. When both vehicles were in the same line the driver of the truck swerved to the right and the motor cyclist also swerved in the same direction to avoid a collision, but the truck hit the motor cycle in the middle. The cyclist and the lady on the pillion were both thrown off. The driver of the truck swerved a little to the left before turning to the right. She did not hear any horn sounded, either by the truck or the motor cycle. The driver of the truck did not put out his hand.

The defendant, Tsui Lin-lok, said that he sounded his horn and

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put out his hand notifying his intention of turning. He did not, at first go to the left side of the road. After turning to the right the front wheels of the truck almost reached Saigon Road when he felt an impact from behind. He looked round and saw the motor cycle lying on its side. He stopped the truck. He wanted to report the accident at the station but an Indian constable prevented him from doing so. He did not hear any horn sounded behind him. He was travelling about eight miles an hour when he took the turn.

Two other coolies, employed by the Standard Oil Company, who were in the truck, gave evidence. One of them said that he was seated at the back and had also given the signal of turning to the right. The other coolie, who was seated with the driver, denied talking to the driver.

The only point, said Mr. Butters was whether the driver gave the signal for turning. The witnesses for the defence say that he did so, while the witnesses for the prosecution denied it. There was only one disinterested witness and she said that the driver did not put out his hand. The very fact of the driver swerving to the left a little could, however be taken as a recognised signal that he wanted to turn to the right. The defendant was fined \$5.

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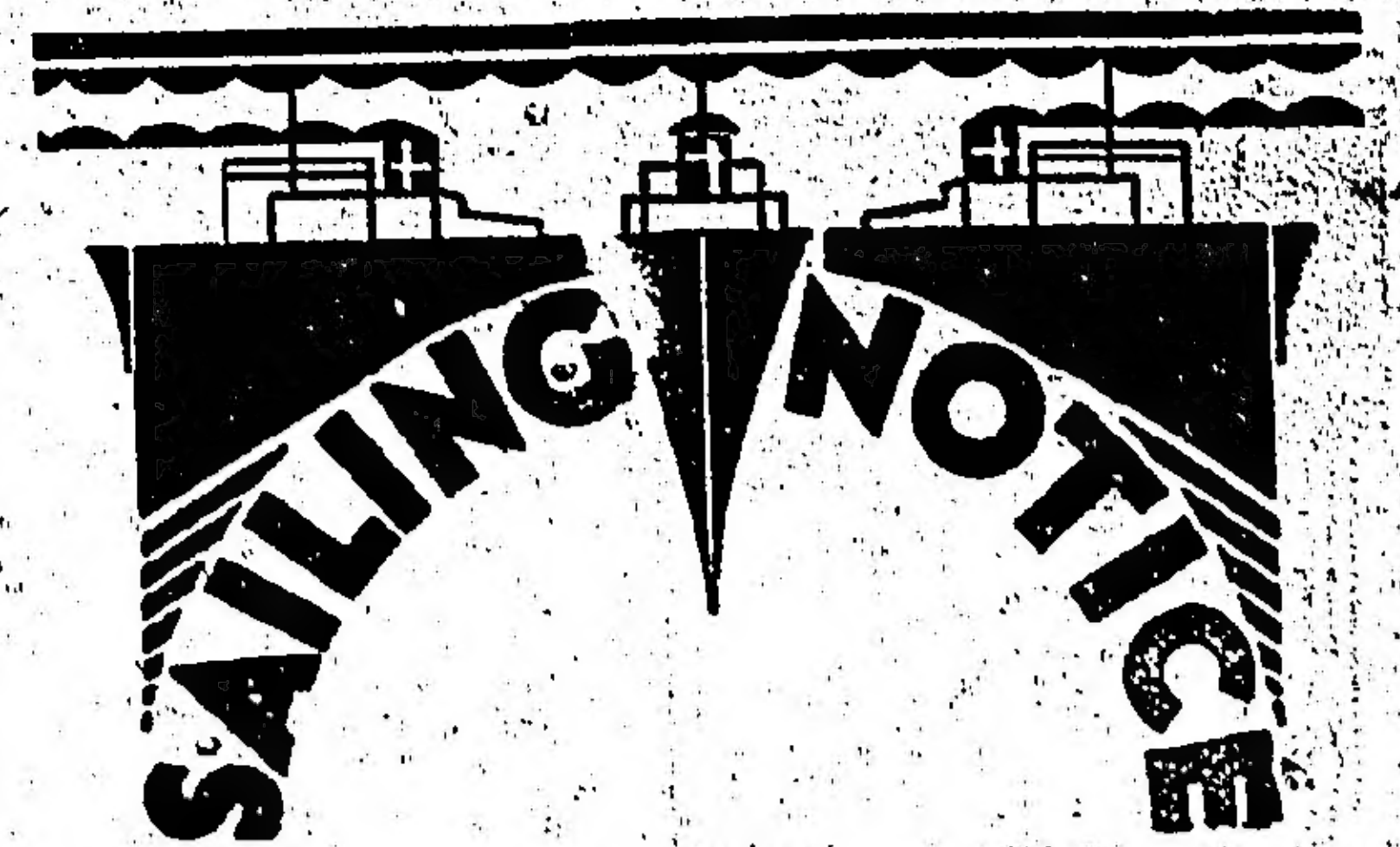
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GOVERNOR SPEAKS ON BUDGET.

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tional policy must be overhauled, and I propose to seek the advice of the Education Board.

The Medical Department. With regard to the Medical Department, I am sorry that our financial position does not enable Dr. Wellington to go as far as he had hoped in his work of improvement and extension of this department. Certain new appointments were, however, approved in connection with this year's estimates, and some have actually been made. It is proposed to defer others for the present. The appointment, however, of a venereal disease specialist will be proceeded with, and I trust will be made in the near future. We applied to the Secretary of State some time ago, some months ago, in fact, to get one, but we have not got one as yet. I am particularly anxious that this branch should be improved, as there is no doubt that, in the matter of social hygiene, Hongkong is distinctly backward.

Public Works. In the Public Works Department certain votes under annually recurrent expenditure have been reduced, but I am satisfied that the reduced votes should be sufficient to maintain the necessary amount of efficiency. As regards Public Works, Extraordinary, as the Colonial Secretary pointed out in his speech, very little new work is contemplated, apart from that, the cost of which is to be paid for from loans. Although the amount allotted for Public Works Extraordinary has been restricted to 2½ millions, I am in hopes that it will be possible to spend the whole of this during the year. The amount usually provided is rarely if ever entirely spent. No doubt some of you may be disappointed that it has not been possible to commence further desirable works, and I share in that disappointment. In particular for instance I was very anxious to see a new wing added at the Kowloon Government Hospital, and had made up my mind to make provision for this; but I am afraid that I must defer my hopes for another year. Meanwhile, the maternity hospital there, which is a large work, will be proceeded with. While it is not proposed to start any new road of importance, considerable sums have been entered for general extensions and improvements to roads. Hongkong is fortunate in having a considerable mileage of excellent roads, though I cannot but feel that some have proved mere additions to the amenities of the place, rather than of a developmental nature. No doubt the hopes of development in certain directions have been retarded, owing to general depression.

The Colony appears to me to have greater needs in the matter of such institutions as the Government Civil Hospital, the goal, the female prison and the mental hospital. It is proposed to provide for the new Government Civil Hospital and the goal out of loan funds, and an application will be made for assistance for these works from the Colonial Development Fund. I trust that the application will be successful.

My hon. friend Mr. Braga's suggestion regarding an Aquarium no doubt has attractions. I should be quite glad to see one, but I am afraid it is an institution which will have to wait for better days.

Water Supply. The Colony has passed through many anxious times in respect of its water supply, but I have been greatly impressed by the success with which this essential problem has been tackled. I need hardly say that there is no intention of slowing down on approved schemes, and provision will be made for them out of loan funds. The further extensions of the schemes have been submitted to the Secretary of State, and I expect a special expert to arrive here early in the forthcoming year to assist us with his advice. This is considered desirable, in view of the magnitude of our proposals, and it is possible to arrange for this advice at a lower fee than would ordinarily be possible, owing to the visit of such an expert to Singapore, who will be able to combine his work in the two colonies in one visit to the East.

Government Salaries. The burning question of Government salaries was fully discussed last June and has been touched on to-day. It looms large in the public eye. I am satisfied that the basic proposals were on the whole equitable, but feel that the abnormal rate of exchange is perhaps unduly favourable. I considered the question of putting a low limit on the rate of conversion of sterling salaries into dollars, but was of opinion that it was unwise to do this at once. On the one hand, local cost of living might have increased in proportion to the fall in the dollar, while the dollar itself might have gone up. Neither of these eventualities has occurred, and it is necessary to review the position. I am prepared, subject to the Secretary of State's approval, to agree to the suggestion regarding the bases of conversion of sterling salaries into dollars. Half will be converted at the current rate, or more properly speaking, the Treasury rate, of exchange, and the other half at 1s. 6d. to the dollar. The estimates next year have been prepared on the basis of a 1s. 4d. dollar, and it is estimated that the adoption of this proposal will effect a reduction of \$388,888 in the expenditure, thus reducing the estimated deficit to a more reasonable figure. It is too late to make the necessary alterations in the estimates without causing undue delay in submitting them to the Secretary of State, but I give you an assurance that this basis will be adopted, subject to the Secretary of State's approval. I trust that this step will go some way to meeting the criticisms regarding the increase of the dollar emoluments of Government officers.

I thank the Unofficial Members for their assurance of the continuance of their wholehearted support. I felt confident of such support, but it is none the less gratifying to receive the assurance given. I am sorry that my first Budget in this Colony is not a more pleasant one, but with the restricted resources at my disposal, I have endeavoured to provide for adequate maintenance and for the upkeep of efficiency to a reasonably safe level. We have, so to speak, a good deal in hand, and will not suffer much if the rate of progress, which must naturally be commensurate with our resources, is somewhat slowed down. Meanwhile, I look forward with confidence to improved conditions, and am convinced that we need have no fear as regards the future prosperity of this Colony. (Applause.)

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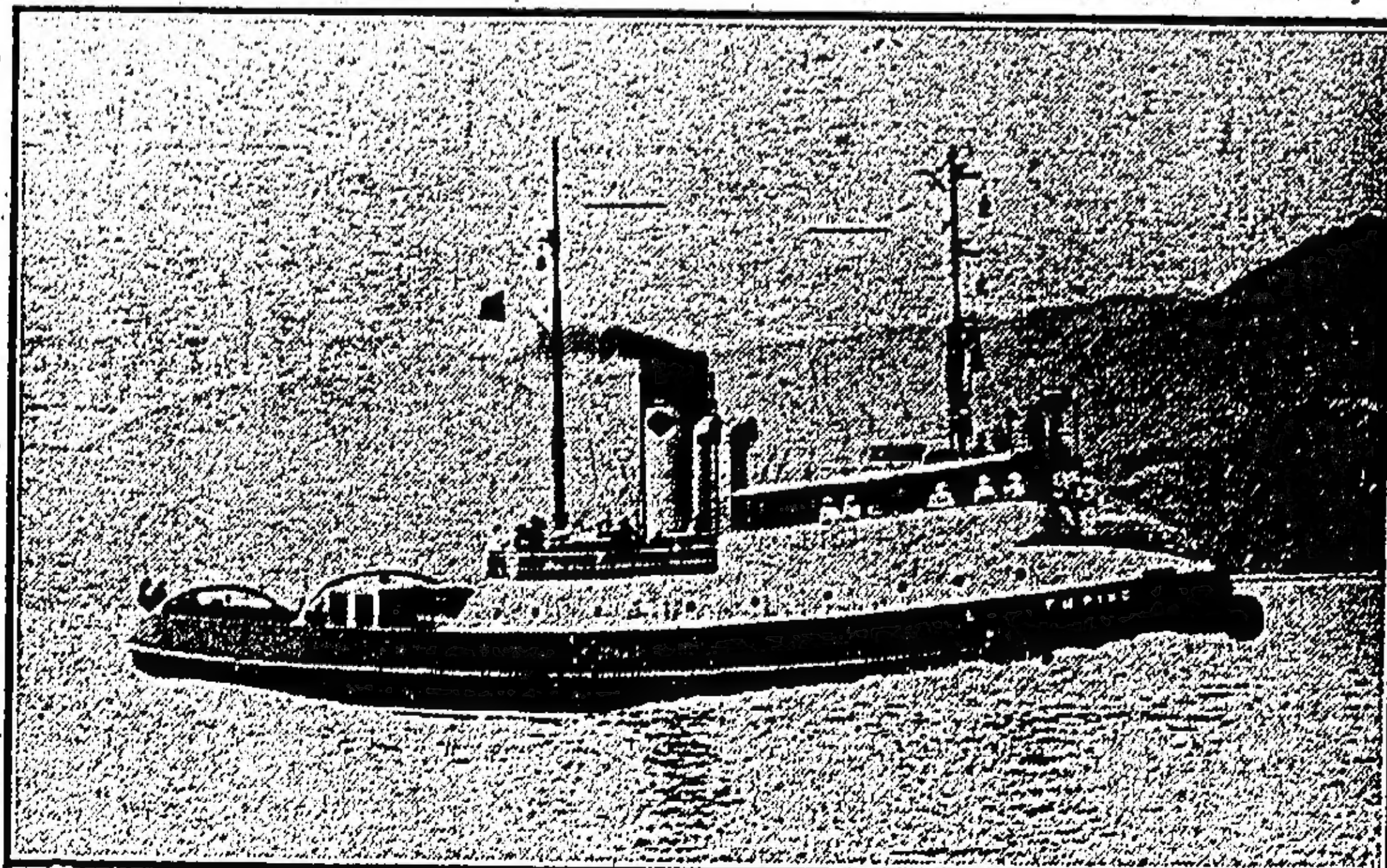
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TO-DAY'S MEETING.

Alterations in the Articles of Association of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., which were passed by shareholders last month, were confirmed by another meeting held to-day.

Sir Robert Ho Tung (chairman) made the following speech:—Gentlemen,—The object for which this meeting has been called is, as indicated in the notice which the Secretary has just read, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the extraordinary general meeting held on 21st September, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the resolution which was passed as an extraordinary resolution at such meeting. That resolution, as you will remember, concerned the approval of certain alterations in the Company's Articles of Association.

You will remember also that at the above-mentioned meeting I shortly explained to you why your Directors thought it essential to alter the Articles of Association, and I do not consider it necessary to deal further therewith, except to add that at the meeting in question the proposed alterations of various articles were unanimously approved, and that a resolution recording such approval was unanimously passed as an extraordinary resolution. Under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance, however, it is necessary that the approval of the proposed alteration of the Articles shall be signified by special resolution, and consequently this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolution above referred to be confirmed as a special resolution. I accordingly beg to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the said extraordinary resolution.

Mr. John Arnold read the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo and carried unanimously.

Those present were:—Sir Robert Ho Tung (Chairman), Messrs. J. P. Braga, Li Tse Fong, R. K. Batchelor, M. K. Lo and C. A. da Rosa (Directors), Mr. John Arnold (Secretary), Mr. H. C. Macnamara (Solicitor), Messrs. M. H. Lo, Ho Leung, Wai Tat, Sun Look Kwan and M. Fernandez (shareholders).

THE AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

NEWSPAPER PRAISE FOR
AIRMAN.

London, Oct. 20.

The newspapers unite in paying tribute to Wing Commander Kingsford Smith's skill and endurance and especially his chivalry in returning to assist Lieutenant Hill, whose ill-luck he commiserated.—*Reuter.*

Port Darwin, Oct. 20.

A large crowd gathered to see the aviators Kingsford Smith and Matthews take off for Sydney. Both were well and happy. Wing Commander Kingsford Smith said that he was eager to meet his sweetheart in Sydney and he did not care if Hinkler re-broke the record. He would rest on his laurels.—*Reuter.*

For having in his possession ten cabbies of dead pine trees a Chinese was fined \$35 or three weeks' by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant said that he had picked up the pine trees on the hillside.

SPAIN'S OLDEST GENERAL.

DEATH OF "THE BUTCHER
OF CUBA."

A NATIONAL FIGURE.

Madrid, Oct. 20.

The death has occurred of the nonagenarian General Weyler, one of Spain's oldest national figures. He was dubbed "the Butcher of Cuba," owing to his ruthless campaign to end the War of Independence in Cuba in 1896.—*Reuter.*

Vaderiano Weyler, the famous Spanish General, was born on the island of Mallorca in 1839, his father being German and his mother a Spaniard. His first laurels were won in the civil war of 1868-72. An adherent of the Liberal party, he fought on the side of the Government against Don Carlos and later held the portfolio of War in nearly every Cabinet. When the Cuban struggle for independence developed into guerrilla warfare, Madrid looked confidently to Weyler to retain for Spain this valuable colony, but he adopted such ruthless measures that the Government was forced to recall him. He then wrote his well known book, "Mi Mando en Cuba," in which he defended his policy. He was subsequently appointed Military Governor and his second term in Cuba lasted from 1895 to 1897.

In Catalonia, where the revolutionary spirit had always manifested itself strongly, an iron hand had become necessary and the Spanish Government could think of no one more suitable for the task than Weyler. He made short work of the insurgents. Those who would not submit were put up against a wall and shot, and in a few months the Barcelona region had been pacified.

Weyler held the highest rank in the Spanish Army, that of captain-general and received all the highest orders of his own country as well as many foreign decorations. King Alfonso XIII created him Marquis of Tenerife and Duke of Rubi.

Arrest Recalled.

In December, 1925, the Dictator Primo de Rivera abolished the general staff. He had tried to eradicate its opposition to the Dictator by putting Weyler at its head, but the General also opposed certain measures and was compulsorily retired in the middle of 1925—a step which aroused such resentment among the Army officers that the news was suppressed. Afterwards Weyler lived in virtual exile in Majorca.

At the end of June, 1926, a military plot against the Dictator was discovered through the stealing by a secret service agent of Weyler's handbag while he was on a journey to Madrid. It was said to have contained thousands of letters of officers asking them to join in overthrowing Primo de Rivera. His signature also appeared on a revolutionary manifesto. He was arrested, but was set free pending his trial which took place in April, 1927. The veteran soldier was acquitted. Another plot in which he was alleged to be involved was reported in October, 1927.

The nonagenarian General possessed several large estates and was believed to be one of the richest men in Spain. His parsimony had become bywords among his compatriots, who tell many amusing stories exemplifying these idiosyncrasies. His personal appearance in no way suggested his energetic character and he was accounted one of the ugliest men in all Spain.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, Au Nam was found guilty of robbery in a house at Wanchai by a majority verdict of five to two. Mr. Justice Jackson sentenced him to three years' hard labour.

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Canton, Oct. 20.

With regard to the recent announcement of the proposed establishment of air mail services in South China, the Bureau of Aviation of the Kwangtung Provincial Government now definitely announces that three lines linking Canton and Wuchow, Canton and Swatow, and Canton, Pakhoi and Hoihow, will be put into operation not later than the 15th November. The first of these the Canton-Wuchow line is expected to be functioning before the end of this month.

Mr. Wong Kwong Yu, Director of the Provincial Air Bureau, has appointed Mr. Wu Hon-yin to be in charge of Civil Air Communications. Five aeroplanes are to be put in service at the start, these being the Sai Kong, the Ying Tak, the Kukkong, the Cheng Kong, and the Chu Kong.

It was previously arranged that the passenger rate to Wuchow would be \$25, but it is now announced that the rates for passengers at the start will be based on 25 cents a mile. Each plane is capable of carrying four passengers, in addition to the pilot and crew.

No definite arrangements have been made yet by the postal authorities regarding air mail to Wuchow, Swatow and Pakhoi, but an announcement on this matter may be expected shortly.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ATTEMPTED ARSON REPORTED.

HUSBAND ACCUSES HIS
WIFE.

Another case of attempted arson has been reported to the police, the present instance being of a rather peculiar nature. From a report made by Leung Kwai, a godown keeper, residing at 6, Wai Ching Street, third floor, his wife, Lai Wut-chan, set fire to the cubicle during his absence at 8.30 a.m. yesterday morning.

Leung told the police that his wife had placed a quantity of burning charcoal, joss sticks and rattan on a bed in his cubicle, with the object of setting fire to the premises. No explanation is given for the act, but it is thought that the pair had had a quarrel.

Another Case. That they attempted to set fire to the premises, presumably by the view to defrauding the Insurance Company, was the allegation brought against Lee Sui-ping, proprietor of the Tin Sang Tong native drug store, 77 Wing Lok Street; Lee Yuen, his son; and three foks of the shop, at the Central Police Court this morning.

All five men were charged with conspiring with others not in custody, to set fire to the building and with the actual attempt on Sunday night.

The Magistrate:—With the intention presumably of defrauding the Insurance Company? Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds (prosecuting):—Yes.

All five men were remanded for three days, two of the foks in police custody to enable further investigations to be pursued, Mr. Reynolds mentioning the likelihood of the charges being withdrawn against these latter two, and their being put into the box to give evidence.

The following appointments have been made to H.M.S. Hermes: Flying Officers Lieuts. J. C. Richards and J. A. D. Wroughton, Surg. Commr. J. Kirker, I.R.C.F., L.R.C.S.

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